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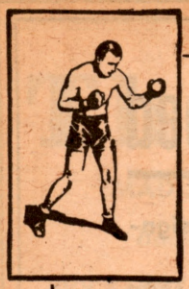

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LOUIS *AND* CONN OUT, RETURN MATCH SET

Army's Discharge of Joe and Billy Paves Way for Title Fight in June—Philadelphia Lures Mike Jacobs—Lesnevich, Zale and Pep, All World Champions, Released From Service

By DANIEL M. DANIEL

THINGS are shaping up for an even earlier boxing revival than had been hoped. The boom just has received a tremendous impetus through the discharge from the Army of both Joe Louis, heavyweight champion of the world, and Billy Conn, his most serious rival. On the same day that Joe was released, came word from Gary, Ind., of the honorable discharge of the world middleweight title holder, Tony Zale, and word also came from Boston a few days later of the discharge from the Coast Guard of Gus Lesnevich, the light-heavyweight king.

Four days after Louis' discharge, boxing received another bit of welcome news—the honorable discharge for the second time of Willie Pep, world featherweight king. Willie is the only athlete who served both in the Army and the Navy during the war. He was first inducted into the Navy, had his boot training at the Sampson Naval Station, was discharged medically, only to be reinducted by the Army and sent to Framingham, Mass.

With the release of that quartet, boxing now has every champion out of the service. Manuel Ortiz, the bantam king, was discharged a few weeks ago and is training for the defense of his crown. Freddie Cochrane, welter king, has been out of the service for eight months and has engaged in many non-title bouts. Twice he was kayoed by the new "killer" sensation, Rocky Graziano. Now Freddie is enrolled at Seton Hall College in a physical education course. He has been notified that he must sign to defend his crown within sixty days or forfeit the title.

Willie Pep has announced that after a short rest, he will start getting in trim for a title defense bout.

So it seems that the fans will be able to see a number of championship contests within the next twelve months. It will be a period of extraordinary activity in every division of the sport.

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CONN was released from service in the middle of September. It was believed at the time that Louis would continue in the Army for an indefinite period. There had been some talk of his being sent to Japan. However, on Monday, October 1, at Camp Shanks, Joe got his discharge, and the setup for a world championship heavyweight fight began to shape up.

Of course, there will be no immediate meeting of Joe and Billy. That, obviously, is not an indoor fight. It is going to be held in June. But just where remains to be seen.

Mike Jacobs, who has the promotion of the contest, at first talked of the Yankee Stadium in New York. Then he shifted to the Municipal Stadium in Philadelphia, where the first meeting of Jack Dempsey and Gene Tunney was staged.

Jacobs was content to contemplate holding the Louis-Conn return match in New York until his attention was drawn to the Philadelphia arena by an announcement concerning the Army-Navy football game. This mentioned the fact that the Philadelphia stadium had 103,000 seats for a football game and could hold 150,000 for a fight.

There is a definite impression that Jacobs now has his mind set on holding the fight in Philadelphia.

However, New York hasn't given up yet, by any means. It has pointed out to Mike that all through the war, it was New York and not Philadelphia that kept him in business, and turned out strong for no matter what cards he staged in the Garden.

It has been emphasized that to New York he owes some measure of allegiance in a fistic way—that he is a New York promoter and that, having cashed in handsomely on lesser programs in that city, he should stage the big fight there, too.

It also has been called to Mike's attention that it always is wise to stick in your own backyard and not go hunting for possible entanglements in the other man's lot.

However, where the fight will be held is a detail which will be straightened out in time.

The main thing is this—Louis and Conn are out of the Army and available.

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NOW that Joe and Billy have been discharged, it is expected that there will be a steady stream of returnees to the ring from all branches of the service. Soon the game will find its prewar quota of great boxers once again available, and gradually the wartime setup of near-stars, cannot-possibly-make-its, has-beens, fadeouts and never-wasers will give way to the happier picture.

Of course, not all the boxers who came to the fore during the war can be pushed out of consideration. There are quite a few who will give the returnees some interesting arguments.

There is the possibility that the ring experts underrated the wartime field and cast too strong a professional halo over some of the prewar champions who went into service.

These questions soon will be ironed out and boxing will pick up where it left off when the Japs attacked Pearl Harbor. Let it not be presumed that out of the service into the game again will come champions and contenders alone.

During the war, the Army, Navy and Air Forces developed scrappers who never before had gone in for boxing. To be sure, there are very few service fighters with outstanding potentialities who picked up the game while they were in service. But there is a sufficient number of them to heighten popular interest.

There also is a coterie of boxers who went into the Army and Navy labelled "preliminary boys" and are coming out full-fledged boxers with high aspirations. They have grown up.

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IT is interesting to go back to boxing's experience after the first World War. Out of that conflict came the future champion of the world, Gene Tunney. Out of it came Bob Martin, Bob Roper and others who helped to pep up ring affairs in the postwar adjustment that led to Jack Dempsey's taking the title from Jess Willard, and Jack's eventual loss of the championship to Tunney.

The effect of the second World War on boxing is to be watched not among the boxers alone. There will be tremendous reactions among the onlookers. Out of the service have come, and are coming, millions of men who, while in the uniform of Uncle Sam, got their first opportunities to see sport at close range, to compete, to develop, and to become interested in professional activities.

Men who, previous to going into *(Continued on page 34)*

SOCKING FOOLS

Rocky Graziano, Latest of a Long Line of Middleweights to Earn Fame With the Punch Soporific

By AL BUCK

IF Rocky Graziano has done nothing else, he has put the sock back in the Sock Market. The New York middleweight has scored four straight knockouts at Madison Square Garden this year much to the delight of the fans, who are hailing the arrival of a new kayo artist. Rocky is a hitter in the grand manner of Stanley Ketchel, Sam Langford and George (K.O.) Chaney, all better than fair punchers in their day. He attacks in the rough and ready, give and take style that made Jack Dempsey the most popular champion of all time.

The Rock is a middleweight and is entitled to be compared with men in his own division. He has been dubbed a second Ketchel, but if he ever reaches that stage, he'll rate the world's best middleweight of this era. Ketchel was one of the truly great knockout artists. He nearly knocked out Jack Johnson to win the heavyweight title, but the right that put the champion on the canvas couldn't keep Jack down and once back on his feet, the Galveston Giant made short work of his middleweight challenger. Others didn't get up so readily and were counted out. The list of Ketchel's victims includes Billy Papke, Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, Joe Thomas, Mike (Twin) Sullivan, Jack (Twin) Sullivan, Porky Flynn and Billy Papke—all great fighters.

Stanley Ketchel, one of the hardest hitting middleweights who held the crown.

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MICKEY WALKER, another ex-middleweight champion, used to rock 'em to sleep, too, just like Rocky rocks 'em to dreamland in this new atomic age. The Mick was a body puncher and he slowed down some of the best the game has known with solid smashes to the ribs and heart, Tommy Milligan was one and Mike McTigue was another who failed to go the distance with the Rumson Toy Bulldog.

Langford was a powerful puncher. The Boston Tar Baby they called him. Sambo used to settle the issue with one punch. Harry Wills lasted six and seven rounds with Langford. Fireman Jim Flynn went out in one. Gunboat Smith, a solid hitter himself, was knocked out in three. Jack Johnson fought Sam once, won the decision, and then refused to have anything more to do with the Tar Baby.

Those who saw George (K.O.) Chaney in action, still talk about the hitting power of the Baltimore southpaw. He sank his left, wrist-deep into Danny Kramer's stomach, and Kramer, later a ranking contender for top featherweight honors, went down and out in the first round. Hard hitter though he was, Chaney wasn't able to nail Abe Attell and the "Little Champ", well past his prime in 1913, galloped off with a decision in 10 rounds at Baltimore.

Had Chaney fought under the present day no-foul rule, his knockout record would be even more impressive. He scored many bona fide knockouts with lefts to the heart and stomach only to have the rival manager claim foul and get away with it. Nevertheless the boxers Chaney hit, thought the roof had suddenly caved in on them. His socking power was the equal of most heavyweights.

FEW people think of Henry Armstrong, a champion of more recent date, as a puncher, yet he scored 27 consecutive knockouts for what is probably a record. Homicide Hank's streak started on April 6, 1937, when he kayoed Pete DeGrasse in 10 rounds at Los Angeles. It ended almost a year later when Baby Arizmendi managed to last 10 rounds, also at Los Angeles, on March 15, 1938. During his unbroken string of knockout triumphs, Henry stopped Petey Sarron in six rounds at Madison Square Garden to win the featherweight championship, the first of his three titles.

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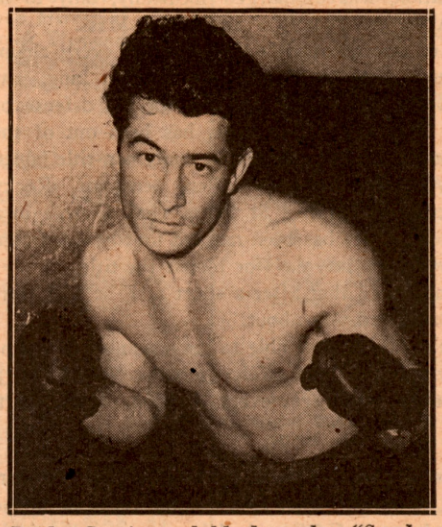
GRAZIANO hasn't won a title yet, although he is the leading contender for the middleweight crown worn by Tony Zale, the rugged body-belting sailor. What a fight that's going to be when the Rock gets in there with the champion and what a gate it is going to draw.



Rocky Graziano, dubbed another "Stanley Ketchel."

Rocky started his kayo streak at the Garden last March 9, when he surprised everybody, including Harry S. Truman, then vice president, by knocking out Billy Arnold, the Philadelphia youngster. Arnold, a red hot favorite, staggered Graziano with a right to the head in the second round. It looked as if the end was near. It was, only the winner wasn't Arnold. Rocky came out of his corner for the third, rippin' and roarin', smashing away with savage rights.

Arnold crumbled under the attack. He got up only to be knocked out by a solid right to the jaw. The fans, including the present President of the United States, were on their feet shouting and screaming when the end came at 1:54 of the third round.

It took Graziano a round longer to flatten Al (Bummy) Davis of Brooklyn. Rocky was full of fighting fury that night. He kept right on hitting after the bell, either not hearing or heeding, when it rang ending the third round. A left put Bummy on the canvas. Rocky followed it with a right to the head while Davis was still down. Actually Graziano should have been disqualified, but he wasn't. Davis came up for the fourth on unsteady legs. He went down to defeat in 44 seconds.

The referee of the Graziano-Davis fight was Young Otto, a mighty hitter in his day, and a believer in the theory that a fighter must protect himself at all times. Otto scored 16 knockouts in the first minute of the first round! Nobody is likely to equal that record.

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LEW JENKINS, former lightweight champion, was one of the most deadly one-punch hitters. On his way to the title, Lew had only to tag 'em and they stayed tagged. When he kayoed Lou Ambers to win the crown, Jenkins had a streak of seven straight knockouts. He broke Mike Belloise's ribs with a single right-hand smash. After he became champion, Jenkins began to play the saloon and night club circuit and today nobody thinks of him as a great fighter. In his prime Looney Lew Jenkins was one of the best.

Freddie (Red) Cochrane, world welterweight king, thought he would have no trouble with the crude Graziano. The champ was almost right. He outpointed his middleweight foe until the last 10 seconds of the ninth round. Then Rocky landed and Red went down. He was dead to the world at the count of five when the bell came to his rescue. Graziano wasted no time in the 10th. His right missed Cochrane's jaw, but found a target behind his ear. Red fell and was counted out in 16 seconds of the 10th round.

In a sense, history repeated itself when they clashed in a return bout. Again Cochrane was knocked out in the 10th round, the end coming in 2.37. In the last two rounds the welterweight champion was knocked down seven times. The crowd was shouting for Referee Benny Leonard to stop it, but Benny, an old champion himself, let it continue until Cochrane was unable physically to fight any more. Then he stopped it.

Leonard, by the way, was a hard hitter. As lightweight champion, he knocked out Johnny Kilbane, Willie Ritchie, Charley White, Frankie (Young) Britt, Phil Bloom, Ritchie Mitchell, Rocky Kansas and Pinky Mitchell. In many respects Leonard was the best all-around fighter the ring has known. He was a brilliant boxer and also a powerful puncher. No list of knockout artists would be complete without Benny Leonard.

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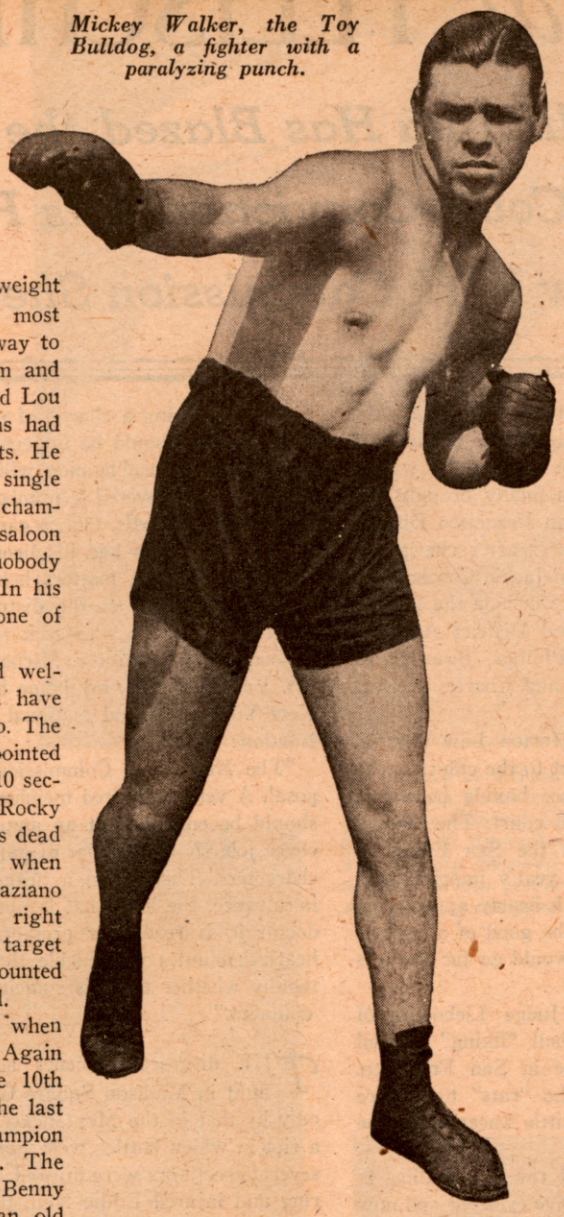
DEMPSEY stiffened 'em, too. In much the same manner as Graziano stiffens 'em today. Jack hit Bill Brennan on the chin with such force that he broke his ankle. He chopped Jess Willard's face into human hamburger. Fred Fulton, Billy Miske, Georges Carpentier, Luis Angel Firpo and Jack Sharkey were all cut down by the Manassa Mauler's deadly left-hook.

Carpentier's best was his right hand. He shook up Dempsey with a well-timed right in the second round of their battle at Boyle's Thirty Acres in Jersey City. Jack clinched and held on and came back to win. Firpo, a heavy hitter with a clublike right, knocked Dempsey right out of the ring. Tiger Jack climbed back to slay the Wild Bull of the Pampas. Dempsey could take it as well as dish it out.

Carpentier's fame as a hitter was gained in every division—from flyweight to heavyweight. He is best remembered for his two one-round kayoes of Joe Beckett, most horizontal of all horizontal English heavyweights. Never more than a light-heavyweight, the French Orchid Man may be compared with Bob Fitzsimmons, a middleweight champion, who won the heavyweight title by knocking out James J. Corbett in 14 rounds. Fitz knocked out such giants as Peter Maher and Tom Sharkey. He broke his hands hitting the powerful James J. Jeffries and was knocked out himself as a result.



Mickey Walker, the Toy Bulldog, a fighter with a paralyzing punch.

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JOE LOUIS, the present heavyweight champion, does a pretty good job with either hand. He scored three successive one-round knockouts in defense of the title. His victims were Jack Roper, John Henry Lewis, then light-heavyweight champion, and Max Schmeling, ex-heavyweight champion. He has scored 20 knockouts in title bouts, a record for heavyweight kings. Since he won the championship only Tommy Farr and Arturo Godoy have succeeded in going the limit with Louis. Godoy was knocked out in a return bout.

Terry McGovern—Terrible Terry of Brooklyn—scored no fewer than seven knockouts in the first round. Among his victims was Pedlar Palmer, British claimant of the bantamweight championship. They fought in a barn at Tuckahoe, N. Y., back in 1899. George Siler was the referee. Terry rushed but Pedlar was cautious. He moved out of range. McGovern rushed again and again Palmer wasn't there.

Terrible Terry was not to be denied. A wild left hook landed on Palmer's kidney. A right to the temple followed and the Englishman pitched face forward to the canvas. In the excitement the bell rang, but only a minute and 30 seconds of the first round had elapsed. Dazed, Palmer arose on shaky legs and Siler ordered the fight to continue. Pedlar made a desperate bid for victory and crossed a terrific right to the jaw. McGovern shook it off and charged in swinging with both hands. A short, jolting right to the jaw finished Palmer. It was all over in 2:32 of the first. Terrible Terry McGovern could hit.

So could Sailor Tom Sharkey. He could also absorb punishment. In the same year that McGovern kayoed Palmer, Sharkey fought Kid McCoy in New York. The Kid was clever, crafty and cruel. For two rounds he played with Sharkey, much as the cat plays with the mouse. In the third he loosed his famed corkscrew punch. It landed with lightning speed on the sailor's chin. Sharkey went down, but he got up. He was floored again and then the bell saved him.

Sharkey was literally cut to pieces until the eighth when he broke through McCoy's defense with a right to the body. McCoy got up at nine and from then until the finish fought a defensive battle. It didn't save him for in the 10th Sailor Tom broke through again with a left to the jaw and it was all over.

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ONE of the quickest knockouts on record is claimed by Battling Nelson. He knocked out Billy Rossiter in 12 seconds. In other words it took Bat two seconds to deliver the punch and 10 seconds to count out Rossiter. Since then several 11-second knockouts have been recorded and all may be found in Nat Fleischer's All-Time RING Record Book.

Dal Hawkins was a great hitter. He could sock like the best of 'em. His 16-second kayo of Martin *(Continued on page 35)*

Nat FLEISCHER says:

California Has Blazed the Boxing Trail

Court Conviction Sets Precedence

New York Commission Sheds Kid Gloves

OUR heartiest congratulations to the members of the California Boxing Commission, to Willie Ritchie, its chief inspector, whose lone battle against the wolves of boxing over a stretch of years finally brought the results which he was seeking, and to the San Francisco District Attorney who relentlessly pursued the vultures after charges of collusion had been made in the Freddie Dixon-Jackie Cooper fight last February 22. It required guts—yes, plenty of it in the face of the opposition, for the California moguls and District Attorney Pat Brown to see the case against Abe Phillips, formerly of Brooklyn and now a dance hall proprietor, and Charles Kelson, a fight trainer, fought to a finish.

For the first time in boxing since the Horton Law days in New York, has a jail sentence been meted out to the culprits who were engaged in a "fix." Never before since boxing became a legal sport, was a case such as this tried in court. The conviction of Phillips and Kelson by a jury in the San Francisco Superior Court and their sentence to one year's imprisonment and a fine of $1000 for Phillips, was met with hearty approval in all parts of the country by those who have the good of all sports at heart. A few more indictments like this would go far towards eliminating the "fixers."

The "fixers" have no place in sports. Judge Liebowitz of Brooklyn proved that in the recent basketball "fixing" scandal and Judge Herbert Kaufman did the same in San Francisco. They have set the pace and it behooves the "rats" to beware henceforth if they don't want to spend a little vacation in the clink.

California has blazed the trail. It started the ball rolling in barring fighters with artificial eyes and defective eyesight and now it has paved the way for a cleanup of the unscrupulous gamblers who have infested boxing.

New York is the home of many such fixers, but to date, with one exception, they haven't attempted to put across their dirty work in the Empire City. They have done their dirty work in smaller cities around the country.

The Fiducia-Schott case is the first to be brought to the attention of the New York fight moguls and it appears to me that it would have been far better had Commissioner Eagan followed in the footsteps of the California Commission and ordered an appearance of those involved on the day following the charge, so that the written testimony of the men could have been placed before the district attorney for action. By staging the hearing many days later, the chances of obtaining convicting evidence was lost.

The California Commission didn't wait. It acted immediately following the charge of "fixing" and thanks to such action, a conviction, the first in boxing, has been obtained.

New York has several undercover fight managers, men with police records who not only control many of our leading fighters, but through their gambling connections, have repeatedly been named as the boys who can manipulate matches. Commissioner Eddie Eagan is on the alert for these culprits. He is trying his utmost to keep the sport clean as is the present commission in California, but he is not going far enough.

He should compel every fighter and manager on record to go under oath and swear that no one other than the manager of record has an interest in the fighter. Then under the law, a falsification can bring a charge of perjury. Furthermore, every boxer and manager should be fingerprinted, as was every service man, and the objectionable men will soon be detected. Commissioner Eagan has discovered a number of trainers and managers with heavy police records. One, a gangster who took part in the Green-Graziano riot, has had his license revoked.

Trying to settle matters behind the scenes is the wrong approach. The whip of the district attorney should be flouted in the faces of those who seek to corrupt a sport which millions follow. Chief Inspector Michael Silverstein, head of police of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., my home burg, and former president of the New York State and National Police Chiefs' Association, has a solution:

"The New York Commission has plenty of money at its disposal. A veteran retired member of the New York detective force should be employed at an annual salary and his job, an undercover job, should be that of gathering evidence against the shady characters. Then when a hearing is held the evidence collected in advance, the kind that is obtained before there is a chance to doctor it, is ready for presentation and such evidence plus the hearing minutes will enable the district attorney to decide quite readily whether there is sufficient material for a Grand Jury indictment."

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THE disgraceful scenes accompanying the Graziano-Green fight in Madison Square Garden was equalled in New York only by that in the Montanez-Del Genio battle on May 15, 1936, a riot in which bottles were hurled from the Garden balcony and several spectators were injured. One bottle struck the apron of the ring and injured Eddie Neil, the Associated Press scribe.

Fortunately, when Harold Green went berserk and started his round-the-ring fist slinging, there were no missiles on hand for his followers to hurl, because under the rules of the boxing commission, no bottled drinks are permitted to be handed out to the spectators. The bottles are kept by the vendors. But there was sufficient uprising around the ringside to force the hand of the commission to take drastic action against Green as the perpetrator of the riot. His long suspension was merited. Hoodlumism has no place in boxing. Six months' rest cure should give Green plenty of time for repentance.

Madison Square Garden, the world's foremost house for sports amusement, must be protected against the riff-raff such as was in evidence at the ringside when Brownsville hoodlums attempted to climb on the backs of the scribes to get into the ring and take a hand in the general milling, pushing, shoving and swinging. The surprise came in the fact that no effort was made on the part of the Garden or the Twentieth Century Sporting Club to press charges against the culprits who were appprehended by the police, but were let loose to carry on again for lack of a complainant.

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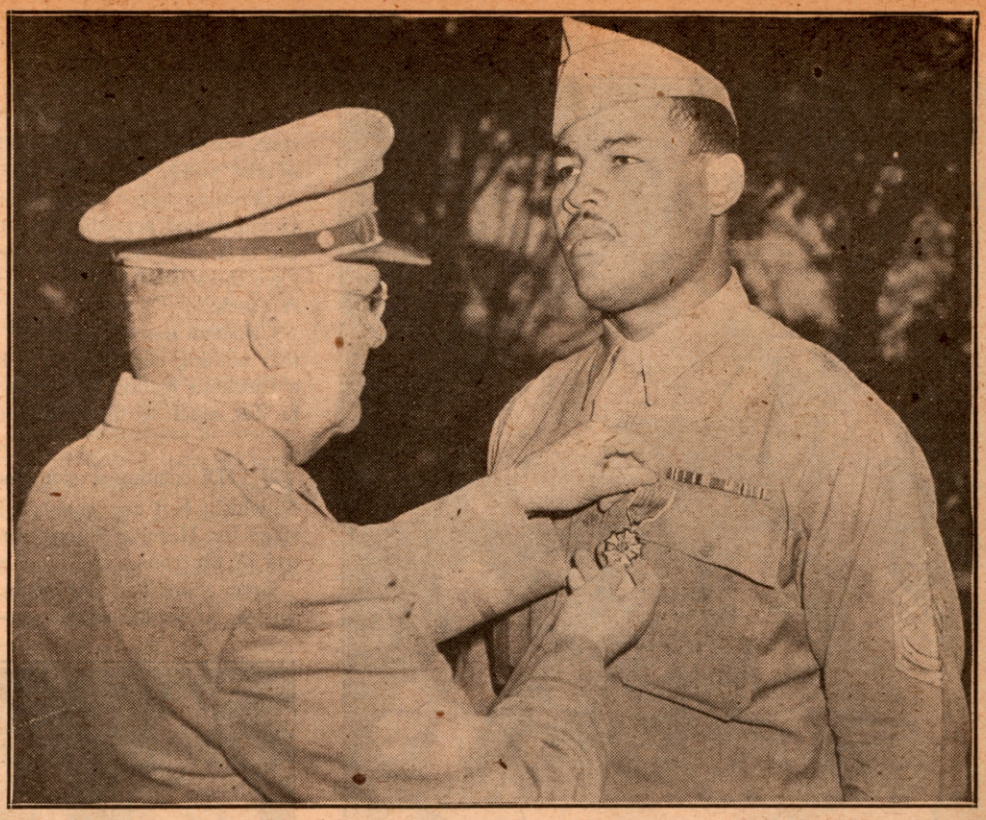
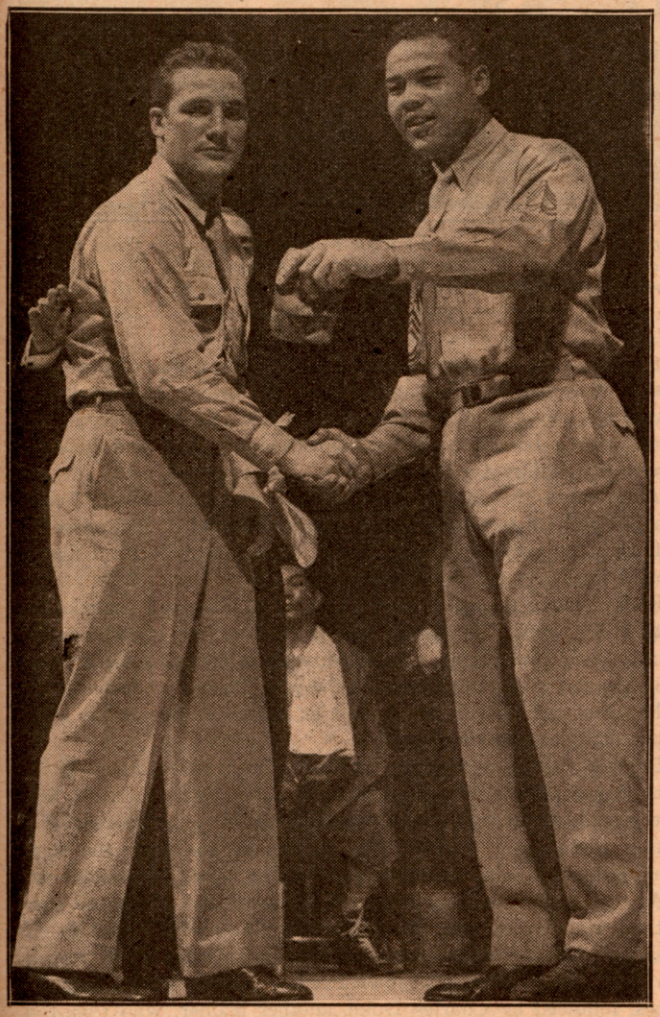
THE only way to check hoodlums who show no regard for the thousands of sports-loving patrons who go to the Garden to see a ring fight and not a free-for-all, is to arrest them and see the thing through.

Green incited his followers to riot by his actions following the clean-cut knockout by Graziano. Sol Gold, manager of Green, who was as much to blame as was Harold, because of his in-

Louis' Last Days *as* Soldier *and* First *as a* Civilian

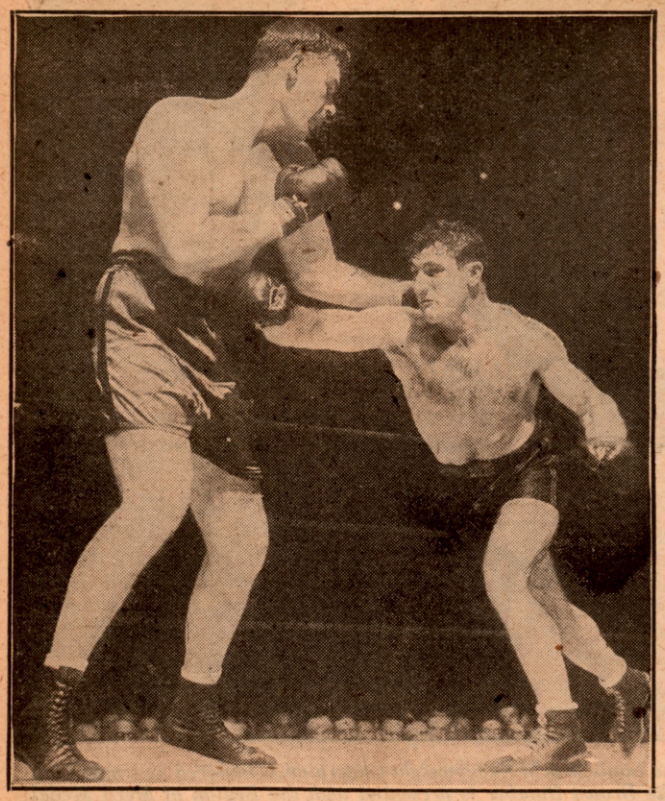


Joe Louis, World Heavyweight Champion, is honored by Uncle Sam. The Brown Bomber is presented with the Legion of Merit Medal by Major General Clarence H. Kells, Commanding General of the Port of Embarkation, during ceremonies at Fort Hamilton. The Champ received the award for "exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services" during his tour of army camps and hospitals both in this country and abroad.



"Getting acquainted" again before they get back into ring action to tune up for their return engagement next summer. Billy Conn (left), recently discharged from the army after a long stretch of overseas duty, and Joe Louis, a week before his discharge, pose before the camera in Madison Square Garden while a huge gathering cheers.

The Brown Bomber back in civvies. Joe, in a pensive mood, visits Uncle Mike to talk over plans for the future. Joe was happy to get back to civilian life and after seeing the world series, he flew out to California for a two months' rest. Upon his return, he will complete arrangements with Jacobs for the defense of his crown against Billy Conn in June. Joe, unlike Uncle Mike, favors New York as the site despite the smaller stadium. Speaking of Jacobs' interview, which appears elsewhere in this issue, Louis remarked: "New York has been pretty good to me and I see no reason why I shouldn't defend my title against Conn here. I'll leave it to Jacobs to decide, but I'm sure he won't take it away from this city." And in that, THE RING *Editor concurs.*



Abel Cestac, Argentine heavyweight, swings a right to the body of Big Ben Moroz whom he whipped in Madison Square Garden.

sistence in the ring that Ruby Goldstein, the referee, had given Harold a short count, is a veteran of high reputation. He, above all, should have checked Green instead of racing around the ring with threatening gestures to the third man in the ring, who in my opinion, is the best referee in New York State.

I usually carry my ten seconds special stop watch to the fights when I think there is going to be a knockout or several knockdowns. It is a trusty timepiece, especially made for me, and as accurate as a timer can be. At times I have seen Garden officials counting over a man without even looking once at their watch and in such cases I have found a discrepancy of as much as four to six seconds between the actual knockdown time and the counted time.

Recently I wrote that Fritzie Zivic scored a kayo over Harold Green yet lost the fight because the official knockdown timer wasn't counting the seconds on his watch but was looking at the fallen boxer and counting at random while holding the timepiece in his left hand. Had Harry Ebbets at that time counted as did Jack Appel over Green in the Graziano bout, Harold would have been counted out at ten instead of getting to his feet at the count of twelve to resume the bout and to win the decision.

In the Graziano-Green battle, the timing was as perfect as timing could be. Jack Appel and I had our watches working exactly the same to the fraction of a second. Referee Goldstein, contrary to the squawk of Sol Gold, was perfect in his pick-up. When Appel tolled off the tenth second, Ruby did the same at the very same moment and my watch showed ten at that count. When Referee Goldstein completed the count, he waved his hands as usually is done by officials, and as he made the wide sweep, I stopped my watch and it registered ten and two-fifths seconds. Hence so far as the squawk on the count was concerned, there was no just reason for that complaint.

Green said he lost his head because Graziano had struck him on the break. At no time prior to the knockout was Goldstein separating the fighters from a clinch, hence Green couldn't have been hit on the break. When the kayo was delivered, Rocky had come in as Green moved back to get out of range of a left hook, and crashed the felling blow while inches away from his opponent.

THE fight itself was one in which caution was tossed to the winds by Graziano, the "killer," as he set sail for his opponent, but not so with Green. He seemed to have taken cognizance of the power behind Rocky's punches, for he was cautious on exchanging blows and preferred to box his man. He outboxed Graziano and according to the scorecards of two judges, he took the first two rounds. The referee had the first round even and gave the second to Green. My card showed the same tally as the referee's.

Graziano moved about the ring like one so cocksure of himself that nothing could stand in his way. He was bent on delivering a knockout wallop and when the time was ripe, that's just what he did, much to the amazement of both Green and his followers.

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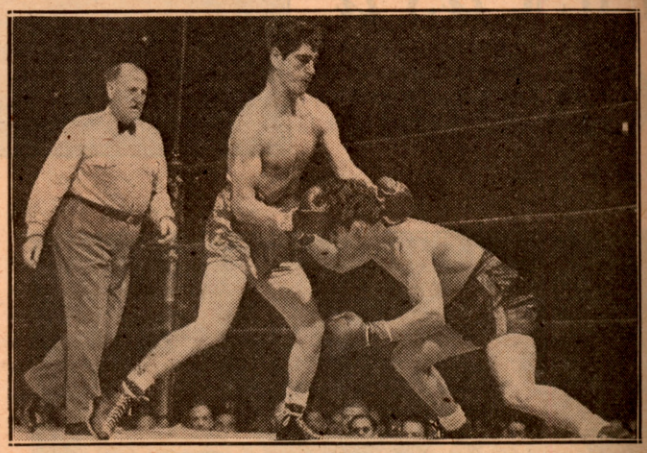
IN THE opening session Rocky missed a number of wild swings, which, had any connected, might have spelled defeat at that stage for Harold. A long right caught Green on the chin at the end of the round and stunned him.

Green came back strong in the second in which his boxing was superb. He landed several one-two combinations, rapid-fire punches



Juan Carrero (right), and Victor Flores. Juan comes from Puerto Rico and is one of their outstanding fighters, while Flores comes from Mexico City. They engaged in a good scrap in the Garden with Flores winning.

but Rocky brushed them aside as if they were putty blows and just kept wading in. He marched forth regardless of the punches tossed his way and as the round came towards its finish, he cut loose with a beautiful right that rocked his man and knocked Green up against the ropes.

Then came the fatal third—the riot-making session. Rocky rushed forth to meet Harold as the bell sounded and missed a stiff right uppercut by a mile. Green closed in and with a flurry, landed lefts and rights to body and head.

Rocky, eager to get an opening, circled his rival, then let go with a left hook, but Green saw it coming and quickly pulled away. With that, Rocky followed with a right, straight from the shoulder, and it hit Green on the jaw like a thunderbolt. The lights went out for the Brooklynite as he landed flat on his back, apparently dead to the world.

Referee Goldstein took up at three from Knockdown Timer Jack Appel after sending Graziano to a neutral corner. At five, Green made an attempt to rise, but fell back. At eight he reached a sitting posture but couldn't rise and as he sat, with the tears coming down his cheeks, it was apparent he would be counted out.

At ten, Referee Goldstein waved his arms and it was all over but the riot. Green gave the signal for this as he leaped to his feet and, like a crazed man, raced toward Graziano to resume the fight. Sol Gold and Trainer Freddie Brown leaped over the ropes, followed by Charles Duke, another trainer, who joined in the mêlée, while a follower of Harold, who had gotten access to the ring, did some swinging.

The gate, with $12 tops, proved the popularity of Graziano, the latest kayo artist. Rocky, who scaled 153 to 150¾ for Green, has drawn two consecutive $100,000 gates. He has lured into the

Garden during his knockout streak 82,228 fans and a gross gate of $402,462 for five fights or an average of $80,492 and 16,446 per fight. Incidentally the Graziano-Green battle, the thirty-fourth show of the year, boosted the Garden gross for Mike Jacobs to $1,868,475.

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THE report in New York papers that Mike Jacobs would stage the return engagement between Joe Louis and Billy Conn next June in the Sesquicentennial Stadium of Philadelphia, scene of the first Dempsey-Tunney battle, has stirred the New York Boxing Commission as no other event in boxing since Uncle Mike took the Braddock-Louis bout out to Chicago. Although Jacobs has not confirmed the report, neither has he denied it. In fact, he has hinted strongly that New York has no stadium big enough to handle the next world's heavyweight championship bout, a contest that has fired the imagination of the fight fans even at this early date to such an extent, that it is a foregone conclusion that the record attendance of 120,757, set at Philadelphia when Dempsey lost his title, will be shattered and that a new high gate, that will top the $2,658,660, is also likely to be registered. Especially so should Mike charge $100 for admittance to each seat in the first four rows, as he contemplates.

"The Stadium is not the only obstacle that stands in the way of New York getting the pugilistic plum," says Jacobs. The question of taxes as much as the arena stands in the way of such an award. Here is Jacobs' explanation:

"There is in New York State a tax on fight television, broadcasting and the movies. These taxes amount to an imposing sum. The Louis-Conn fight will be the biggest thing in the history of the fight game and there is no telling what the financial returns will be.

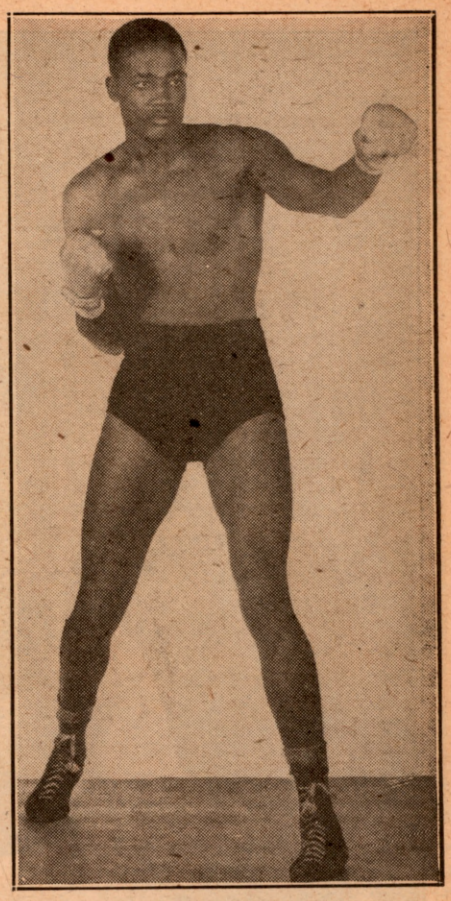
"Television is a big thing. I'm thrilled about its prospects. The public cannot at present realize its full possibilities, but I do and I have worked on this for many months during the war. By the time Joe and Billy get together again in their return championship fight we will have perfected television to such extent that the companies handling this will have television by cable connection into movie houses all over the country and the thousands of movie fans in distant parts who cannot come to see the fight in the stadium, will see it exactly the same as you and I will at the arena. They will get every movement as it actually takes place. It will appear on a large movie screen and the fans won't have to pay more than the usual movie admission fee to get that championship bout right in their lap.

"When Dempsey and Tunney fought in Chicago, Tex Rickard rolled up a record gate. You writers have often said that the gate will never be surpassed. Well, now all you have to do, is to wait until television gets under way, something I predict by the time Louis and Conn meet again, and the volume of business will knock you kicking for a goal. It will be tremendous. The actual receipts at the gate will be insignificant compared to the intake at the movie houses. We will gross more than $2,000,000 at the gate and probably four times that amount at the movies. Just visualize 48 states showing the actual fight on fight night, a ringside seat for every movie fan, and you'll get what I mean by the figures I have quoted."

Following the publication of articles by several New York papers, I interviewed Lt. Col. Eagan, chairman of the New York Commission, in re the possible loss of the fight to New York. Lt. Col. Eagan is one person who thinks that Mike is spoofing when he makes such a declaration and I agree with him. I'm certain that New York will be the scene of the big fight. Joe Louis favors it and Jacobs knows from where his patrons come. Here is what Lt. Col. Eagan says:

"I think Jacobs is trying to convince the owners of the Yankee Stadium and the Polo Grounds, with whom he has a special contract, that they had better come down in their figures if they don't want to be out in the cold. If Jacobs is really in earnest about the shift, then I'm afraid that trouble is brewing for him and the Twentieth Century Sporting Club. I am taking no cognizance of the report at present to press the issue. I want Mr. Jacobs to make a definite statement before I act, but I do expect to discuss plans with him in regard to the championship. mission won't stand idly by while Philadelphia takes the cream of boxing from us. We will cross the bridge when we come to it, but naturally, these reports based on interviews with Mr. Jacobs are getting under my skin.

"I have read with interest those stories, especially Jimmy Powers' interview with Mike in which the promoter gives his reasons why the fight cannot go to New York, but frankly, I put no faith in Mike's statement. I cannot believe that Jacobs will turn down the city that has enabled him to reach his present status as the world's premier fight promoter. It would be a direct slap at those who have come out in droves during the war days to support Mike's programs in this city.



Al Hoosman, giant heavyweight, who has been discharged by the army and is now managed by Jimmy Johnston. Al was the best heavyweight in the South Pacific where he carried off many honors. He is a good prospect.

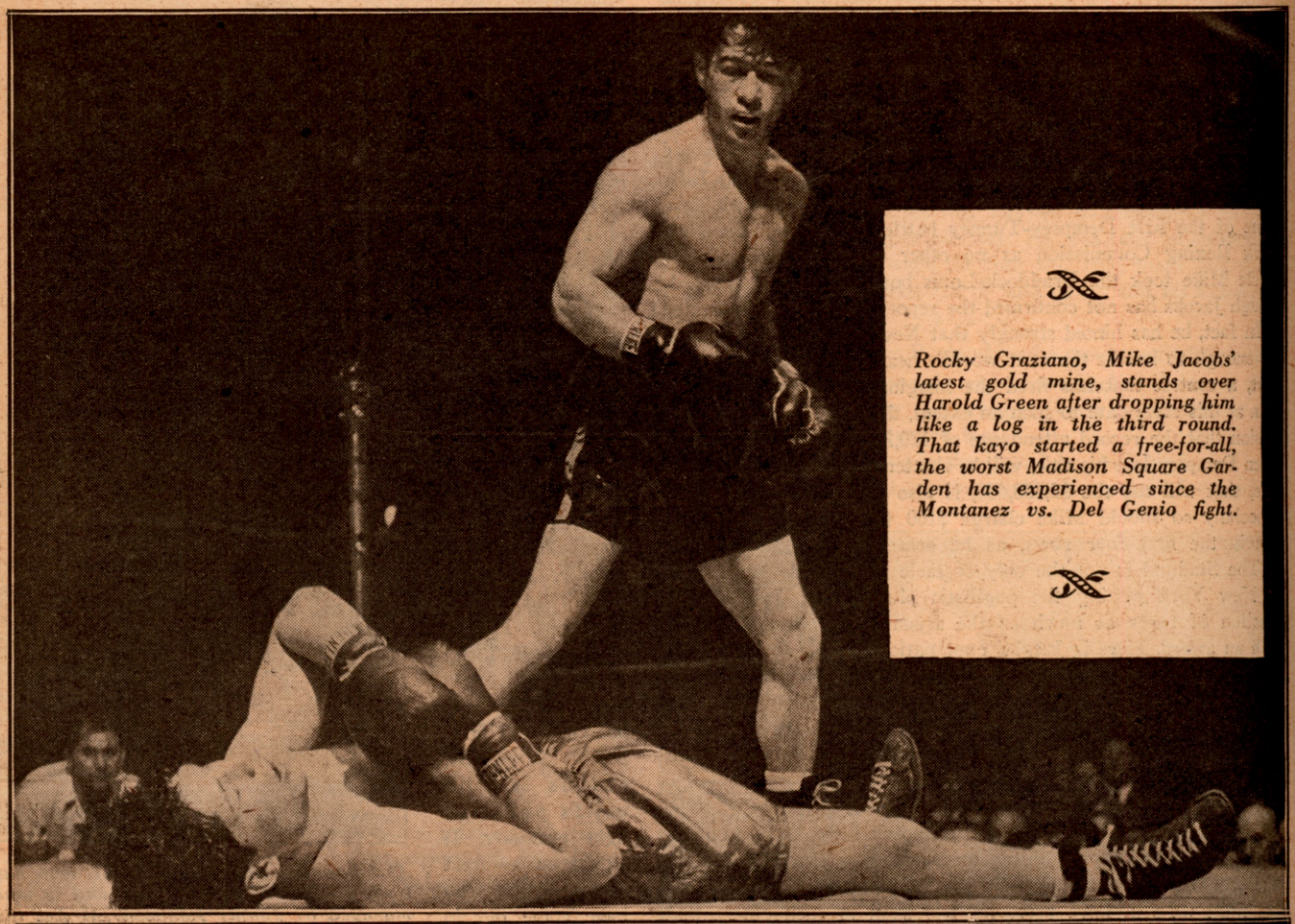
"New York should get that fight regardless of the fact that we have no stadium here to seat more than 80,000. The people here have been very good to Mike Jacobs and to boxing. I am sure that Governor Dewey and the state legislators wouldn't be very pleased at having this fight taken from us. The state tax and the prestige belongs to New York State and the business that is brought to a city by such fights should go to this area. The by-products for such a fight amount to close to $10,000,000 and that's something the Commission won't overlook in pressing the issue.

"Of course we know that there is a big rental fee that Jacobs must pay to the Yankee Stadium and the Polo Grounds, and it is my opinion that if the rental fee can be cut down, I have no doubt New York will be favored with the fight.

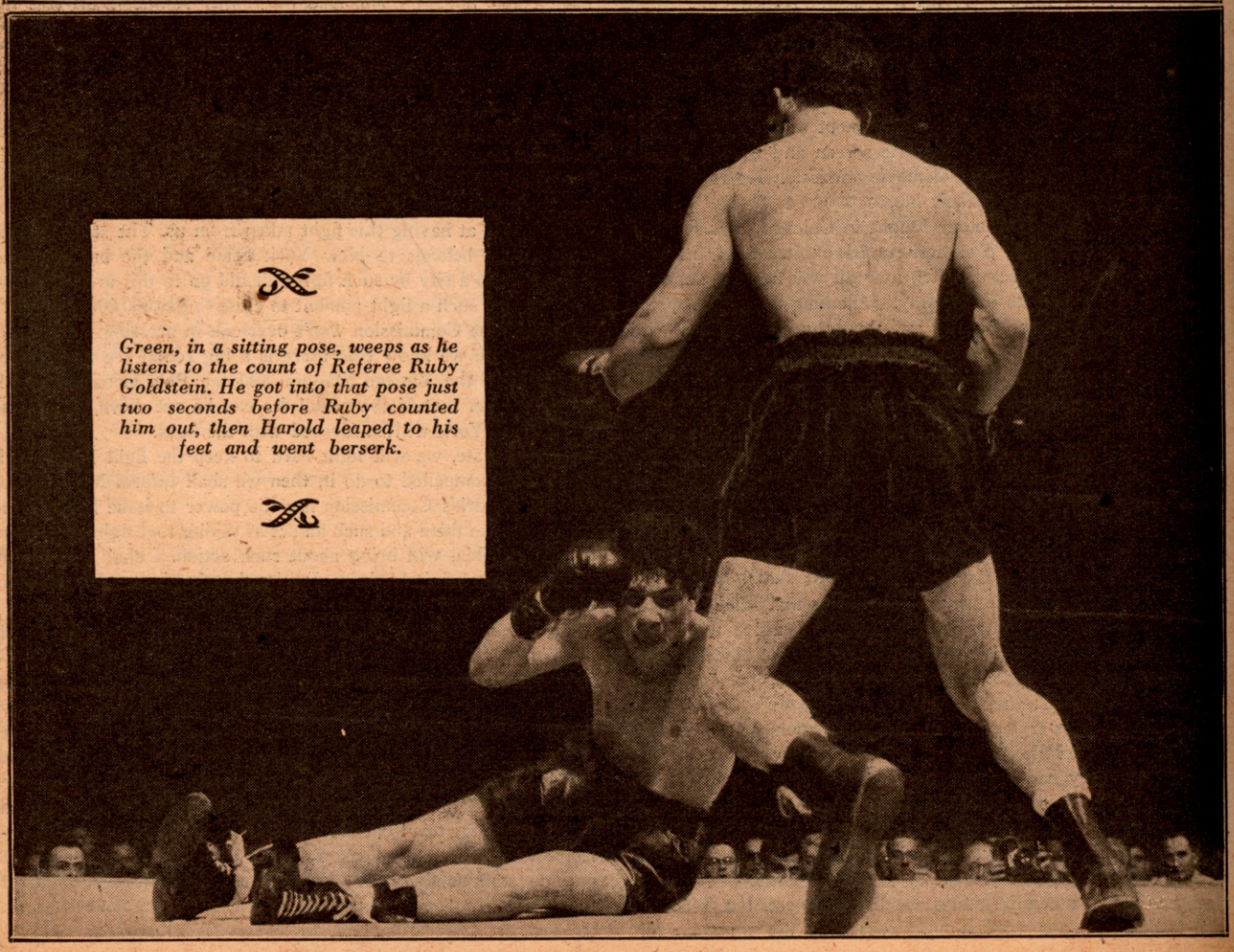
"At any rate, we will fight hard to keep the fight here and if we will be compelled to do it, then we shall inform Mike Jacobs that New York's Commission has the power to issue licenses and also to revoke them and such an act as taking that fight from here to Philadelphia, will bring about such action. I shall do nothing until I hear definitely from Jacobs that he favors Philadelphia over New York."

Trouble is brewing. That seems certain. Mike has much in his favor for a shift, primarily the matter of additional seats, the small rental fee of the Philadelphia stadium and the amusement taxes in New York, but on the other hand, Jacobs must give proper consideration to the splendid support his boxing ventures have received in the city where he operates two clubs throughout the year. He owes it to the people who have packed the Garden and the St. Nicholas Rink week after week at war-time top prices, to give them the one fight for which all hands have been waiting—Louis vs. Conn. It may cost Mike Jacobs less in rental fee if he goes to Philadelphia, but Uncle Mike should keep in mind the loyal fans who have enabled him to reap a fortune, and to become the greatest international figure *(Continued on page 23)*

The KAYO THAT STARTED *a* RIOT

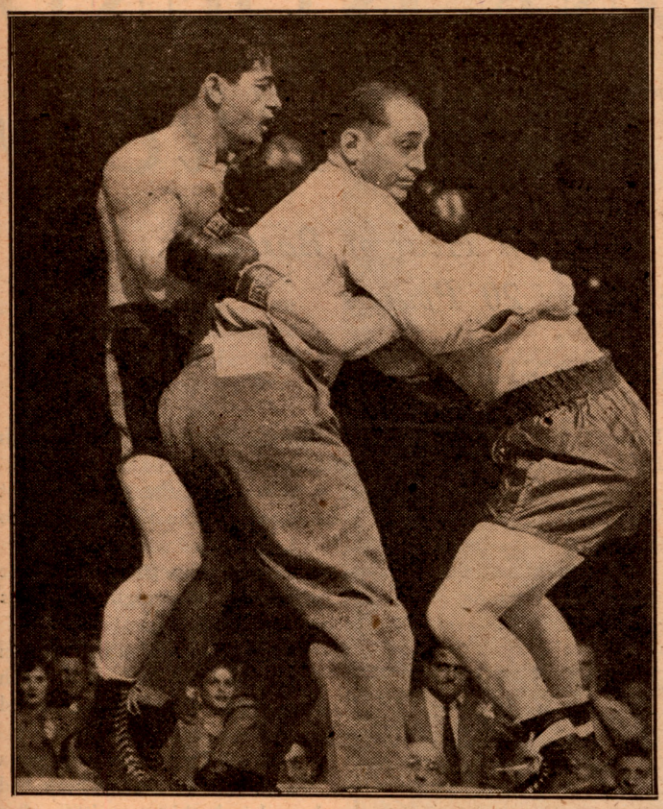


Rocky Graziano, Mike Jacobs' latest gold mine, stands over Harold Green after dropping him like a log in the third round. That kayo started a free-for-all, the worst Madison Square Garden has experienced since the Montanez vs. Del Genio fight.



Green, in a sitting pose, weeps as he listens to the count of Referee Ruby Goldstein. He got into that pose just two seconds before Ruby counted him out, then Harold leaped to his feet and went berserk.

Everybody Pushes; No One Gets Hurt



Referee Goldstein grasped Green about the waist and restrained him from striking Graziano, who threw off his bathrobe and rushed to meet the irate Harold. Green struggled with the referee but Ruby's hold was firm—at least for a short time.

But Green could not be halted. He broke away and set sail for Graziano whom he accused of hitting on the break. Harold's seconds and some outsiders went to Green's aid and the free-for-all was on in earnest. It was a mad scene.

And here is the end of the "perfect night." Green, checked by his handlers and those of his rival, is pushed to his corner, while the police do a good job on a few of his followers who leaped on the backs of several scribes in an attempt to enter the ring to take part in the "fun." When it was all over, Harold and Rocky shook hands. "So sorry, please, Rocky," said Harold.

2 KO's *in* One Round

As Sharkey Whipped McCoy

Oddity of Ring History Came in Tenth Heat of Battle in Which the Kid Gave Away 20 Pounds

By DANIEL M. DANIEL

IN our journeyings through the fistic halls of fame, we have encountered all sorts of oddities and phenomena. Amazingly quick decisions, like Jack Dempsey's against Fred Fulton, or the one-round knockout of Max Schmeling by Joe Louis. Remarkably long fights, like the 61-round draw between Jim Corbett and Peter Jackson. "In what round did the fight really end?" disputes, like that which followed Jess Willard's failure to come up for the fourth session against Dempsey.

Now we come to the strange occurrence, the museum piece of Kid McCoy's checkered ring career — the double knockout which he suffered at the hands of Tom Sharkey in the tenth of a scheduled 20-round fight at the Lenox A.C. in New York on January 10, 1899.

Sharkey, as you know, was one of the greatest "shortstops" the ring has known. Out in California, at the age of 72, he will tell you all about his having "won the title" from his pal Jim Jeffries at Coney Island on November 3, 1899. George Siler gave the nod to Jeff after 25 gruelling rounds—and then the crowd tore the place to pieces.

In any event, Sharkey was one of those fistic marvels who just stopped short of the title, one of that crew in which we list Sam Langford and Joe Jeannette.

McCoy was a marvel of fistic science. He was tricky — as tricky and as ruthless as they come. In fact, we don't have that type of fighter any more. The Kid would stop at nothing. Everything was fair in love and war, and he was an adept in both activities.

McCoy was light for the big men. But giving away a lot of poundage never bothered Norman Selby—which was his real name.

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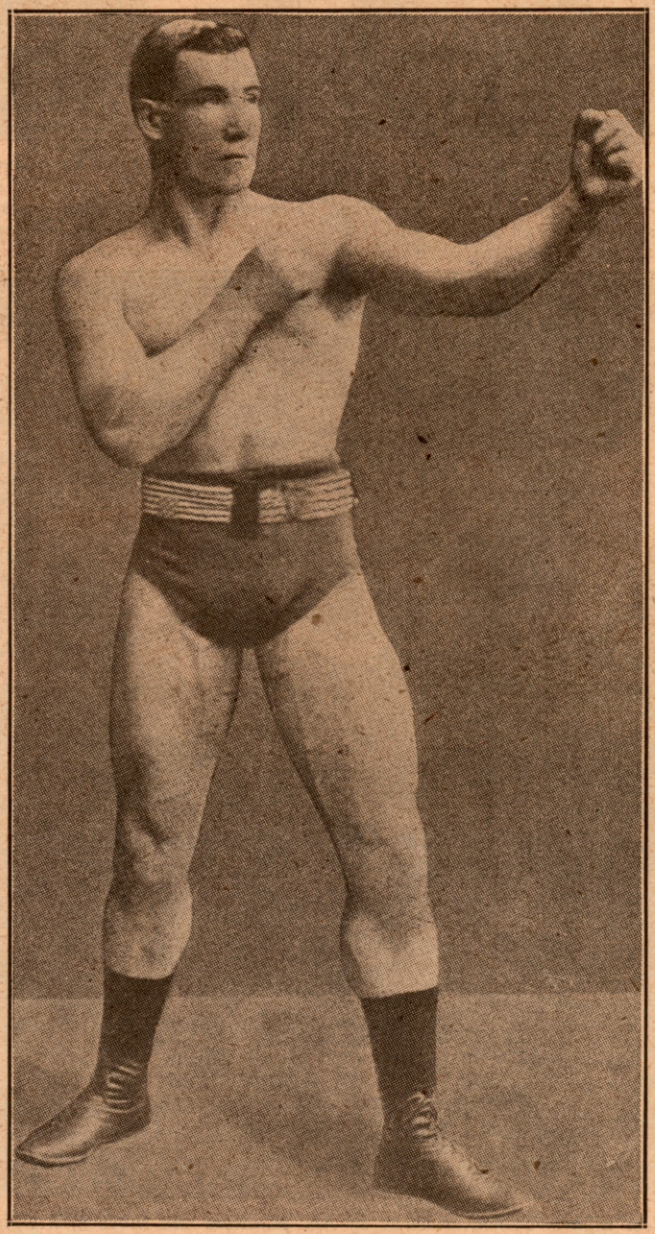
ON March 2, 1896, McCoy knocked out Tommy Ryan for the welterweight title. Soon the Kid found himself too heavy for the welters and moved into the middleweight division. In this class, Ryan, McCoy and Philadelphia Jack O'Brien laid claim to the championship, with Ryan gaining widespread recognition.

McCoy had stopped Ryan as a welter, and the middleweight section offered little financial inducement. So the Kid shifted into the ranks of the heavies.

It mattered not that McCoy scaled less than 160 pounds. He would take them on, one by one, so much a go, weight handicaps no objection. He would accept any opponent.



Sailor Tom Sharkey as he looked when he fought Kid McCoy and stopped him in the tenth round.

And so it came about that in 1899, McCoy and the much heavier Sharkey were matched in New York.

Sailor Tom was under a blight at that time. There had been harsh things written after his last previous encounter—with Jim Corbett in the Garden in New York, on November 22, 1898, in which Sharkey got the decision over Corbett in the ninth round on a foul, and the experts severely condemned the affair. Despite this unsatisfactory result, the Lenox A.C. was packed when Sharkey and McCoy met that freezing cold night in 1899.

New York had been hit by a cold wave and despite the fact that the arena had been heated for 48 hours, it was chilly when Tom and the Kid came together.

There was a tremendous disparity in the weights. McCoy tipped the beam at 158 and Sailor Tom at 178. The Kid had the edge in height and reach, but Sharkey was brawny, powerful—and how he could take it!

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SHARKEY was aiming at the match he soon was to get with heavyweight champion Jeffries, and was determined not to make a misstep. He had a notable array of advisors—Tommy Ryan, Bob Armstrong and George Dixon among them, with Pat Sharkey and Paddy Dougherty thrown in for good measure.

McCoy needed no counsellors. He knew all the tricks, all the answers. He was accompanied

by Frank Erne, Doc Payne, Con Riley and Jack Falvey.

The third man in the ring was the redoubtable, the one and only Tim Hurst, czar of arbitrators. Hurst was an umpire in the National League, the most colorful of all time, as well as an official in the ring, and his word was law.

It is interesting that among the preliminary fighters that January night in New York was Kid Broad, and it also is interesting that he was whipped by one Frankie Patterson, at 122 pounds.

McCoy was the favorite. The odds were 10 to 9, and the action was terrific. The big "sports" of New York had been joined by the betting men from other Eastern points.

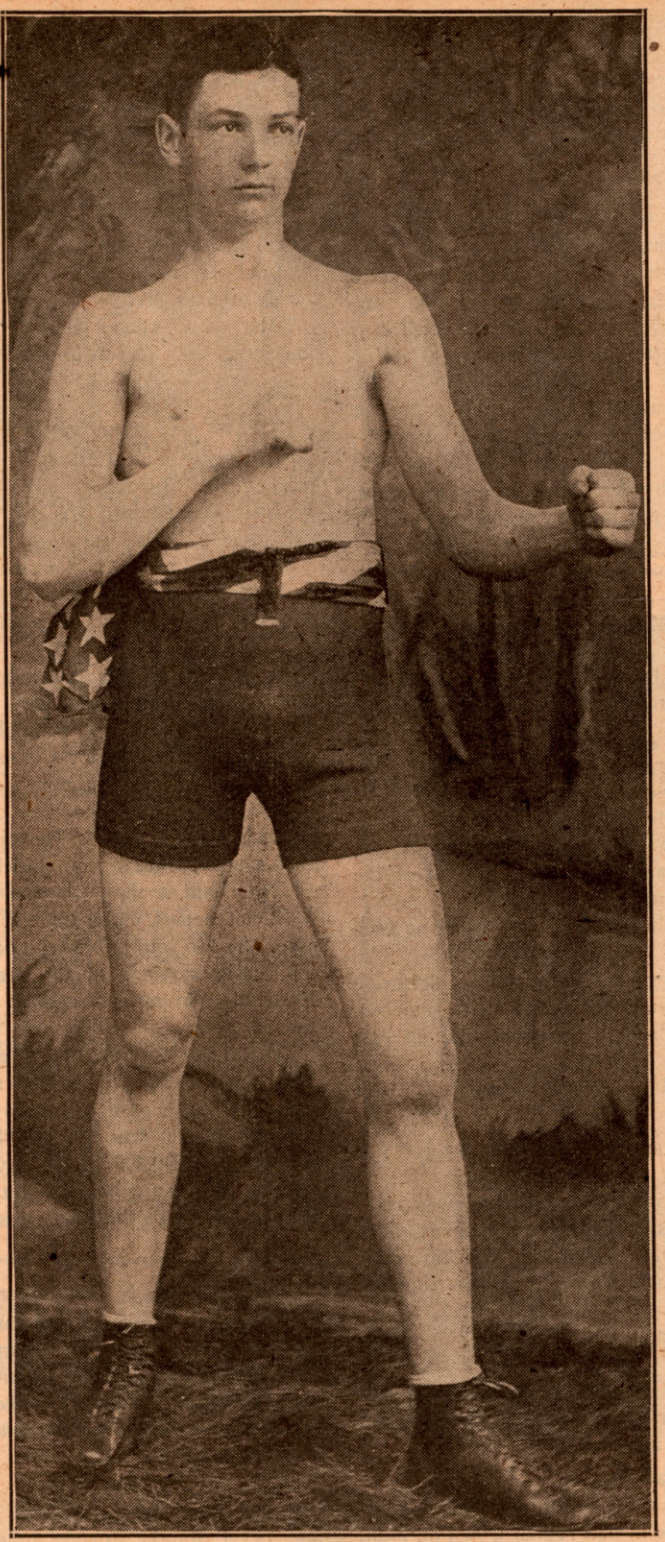
The dope was this: "McCoy will have a tough time with Sharkey for ten rounds. If he still is on his feet in the eleventh, the Kid will cut the Sailor to ribbons."

Strangely enough, the experts did not figure that Sharkey's 20 pounds advantage would beat McCoy if the fight went into the second ten rounds. They rated the Kid as being too scientific, too resourceful. * * *

McCoy, as you know, was a fistic innovator. Just as Bob Fitzsimmons developed what is known as the solar plexus punch, with which he knocked out Corbett for the heavyweight title, so did McCoy originate the corkscrew punch.

No erudite student of physics was this McCoy. But he had studied it out in training—that a punch delivered with a corkscrew action carried more power, and deadlier effect, than a straight blow.

However, against powerful Sharkey, all the McCoy wiles, all the McCoy craft, all his corkscrew punches and right hooks, availed him little and he was stopped—stopped in the tenth, as the experts had feared, right to the round.



Handsome Kid McCoy, one of the craftiest boxers in American ring history.

McCoy was the debonair Kid when he came into the ring, clad in immaculate white trunks, with an American flag draped about his thin waist.

He always was deathly pale before a fight, and he appeared even paler than usual as he let off nervous steam by examining the ring, chatting with friends in the near seats—hello to Wilton Lackaye, the actor; howdy to Mike Donovan, who had come in a mink-lined ulster which the *Police Gazette* reporter figured was worth as much as $150—hello to the "swells" from Fifth and Madison Avenue, who were out in force.

No cafe society in those days. Your position was fixed by the attention you got from the bartender in the Waldorf.

As McCoy sat down, ready for the opening gong, he received a final examination from the suspicious Hurst.

"Lemme see them hands of yours, Kid," Tim demanded. The referee felt the bandages and said, "Take at least two feet of them things off. What do ye think this is gonna be, a pillow fight?"

Off came the two feet of bandage and then Charley Harvey, in the stentorian tones of his younger days, announced, "Twenty rounds, Marquis of Queensberry rules. Break clean, no hitting in the clinches." * * *

THE fight was on, the place was packed. The experts looked for the nimbler McCoy to charge right in and make the most of his greater mobility right from the opening gong. However, he did no such thing. He broke ground and kept dancing around. Then he sent a right hook to the jaw. The Sailor didn't like it. McCoy manoeuvred and let go with another adventure over Tom's guard, and Sharkey looked discomfited.

There was no great damage the rest of that round and small execution in the second.

Then the fight really started. McCoy's reach was tremendous and he was able to pepper his man with light blows. Then he uncorked what appeared to be just a fair punch and back went Sharkey, to sit in the rosin. McCoy had caught the Sailor off balance, and he bobbed up at once, disdaining a count.

No sooner had Sharkey risen than McCoy dazed him with a corking right to the jaw. Down went Tom again.

As Sharkey arose, the Kid let him have three more, but those punches lacked power. Then came the bell. The dopesters said that if the Kid had had another minute he would have polished off the Sailor then and there. Sailor Tom was lucky to finish the round.

Sharkey felt his way around in the fourth, but in the fifth he finally solved his problem. Trying to box with the Kid was bad business. Rushing him and planting hard drives into the midriff was better stuff, and that's what Sharkey began to do.

The fifth, sixth and seventh found Sharkey warming to his task. But the Kid hardly was a spectator. He kept punching at Tom's right eye, which developed a mouse, and he belted him on the schnozzola, greatly to the Sailor's chagrin. Sharkey's nose already was a trifle flat and he didn't want it any flatter.

As the eighth session got under way, the Kid led with a left for the nose. The McCoy right also got in some interesting manoeuvres. But Sharkey and the spectators made an interesting

discovery. McCoy no longer was hurting his rival.

The Kid's punches had some sting, but not enough power. And the Kid's legs no longer were getting him around with the agility he had shown in the first five heats. The fact was, McCoy was getting pooped. The 20 pounds discrepancy was getting in its dirty work.

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McCOY was on the alert for any out, and as Tom hit him in the pit of the stomach, the Kid made a wry face, registered pain and appealed to Hurst with a yammer of "Foul."

Wise old Tim told McCoy to forget the yowl and keep fighting.

McCoy was sitting on the floor and the house, which was predominantly in his favor, supported his cry. But it was no go with Tim.

Hurst was counting. The Kid was prone. It was the forerunner of the long count in the second Dempsey-Tunney fight. Actually, McCoy was out. But Tim gave him one of those slow 14-second counts. McCoy arose, looking much the worse for wear, and stood off the over-eager Sailor for the few remaining seconds before the bell.

The ninth was all Sharkey. It now became evident that McCoy no longer had a chance. The Kid concentrated on keeping away from Tom's wallops for the jaw. McCoy knew that if he stopped one of those blows it would be curtains for him. He moved around, no longer making the slightest pretence of being an aggressor. The hand-writing was on the wall of that frost bitten New York arena.

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NOW came the tenth round, and the exciting finish. McCoy was slow responding to the gong. He lazied to the center of the ring and astonished Tom with a left to his damaged eye.

Sharkey became furious and crashed a right to the pit of the stomach. That was the real beginning of the end.

They clinched and, forgetting the rules, whaled away at each other in close quarters.

Starting with the ninth, Sharkey had abandoned all defensive tactics. Now he was hot on the scent of triumph. He punched, and he punched again, and then drove a terrific left to the side of the body.

Had McCoy taken that one right in the stomach, it might have ruined him.

As it was, the glancing blow spun him around like a top. Then he fell.

Hurst tolled off ten, and McCoy got up. Sharkey was right on him. They got in close and as Tim pried them apart, Tom shot a left over the referee's shoulder. Down went the Kid again.

Hurst knew it was over. He touched Sharkey on the shoulder and motioned him to his corner.

McCoy staggered to his feet and Tim escorted him to his corner.

Most of the onlookers thought that Sharkey had been disqualified for a foul—hitting over the referee's shoulder. But Hurst had stopped the fight and awarded it to Tom.

Sharkey misunderstood what had happened. As McCoy was reeling around, Thomas crashed a right to the neck and McCoy was knocked out for the second time in that round. Down he went, to stay down.

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HARVEY announced, "The referee decides that McCoy is too weak to continue and awards the decision to Sharkey."

It was a strange windup to a hot fight. For days the fight fans in New York kept debating the rules. They were for McCoy.

Hurst explained, "I counted McCoy out and waved my arm to signify that it was all over. But for some reason, nobody understood me. Sharkey could not get it into his head that he already was the winner, and to make sure, ran over and knocked McCoy out for the second time.

"I have been refereeing fights for a long time, but I never before saw anything like that—two straight knockouts in one fight, in one round, inside the one minute.

"McCoy's claim of foul was founded on nothing but his fear that he was about to be knocked out.

"There was one low blow in the ten rounds, and McCoy was the man who struck it, in an early frame."

When the experts got down to recapitulating the results of the fight they discovered that never before had Sharkey been knocked off his pins.

From that fight, Sailor Tom went to Philadelphia where, 20 days later, he stopped Jack McCormick in the second.

On February 1, Sharkey had a six-round exhibition go with Tommy Ryan in Syracuse, and then came the match with Jeffries at Coney Island, about which we already have written in this series of fistic flashbacks.

After the 25-round go with Jeff, Sharkey scored six straight knockouts only to run into his 15-round setback by Gus Ruhlin.

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THEN, on August 24, 1900, Sharkey was stopped in two heats by Bob Fitzsimmons by Coney's shore, and it was evident that Thomas Joseph Sharkey no longer was the fighter he had been against McCoy, the bruiser he had been against Jeffries.

Tom really struck bottom when he was knocked out by Ruhlin in London in the eleventh, on June 25, 1902. It was in 1904 that Sharkey hung up his gloves and opened a saloon on 14th Street in New York.

As for McCoy, his was a tragic fate. He got mixed up in a murder and spent some years in jail. Finally he was released, a broken old man. Then, through the friendship of Harry Bennett, chief of the Ford Motor Company in Detroit, McCoy became a special in charge of the payroll. He continued this work for several years, until one day, on April 18, 1940, his body was found in a hotel room in Detroit where he had committed suicide. In his pocket was a note which read:

"To whom it may concern:

"For the past eight years I have wanted to help humanity, especially the youngsters who do not know nature's laws. That is, the proper carriage of the body or the right way to eat, etc. Everything in my possession, I want to go to my dear wife, Sue E. Selby.

"To all my dear friends, I wish you the best of luck. Sorry I could not endure this world's madness. The best to all.

Signed, Norman Selby."

In his pocket was $17.50. The Kid, whose flashing fists had earned him $240,000 in the days of his greatness as a middleweight, the man who toured the world and introduced boxing to many parts of the globe, had passed out of the picture.

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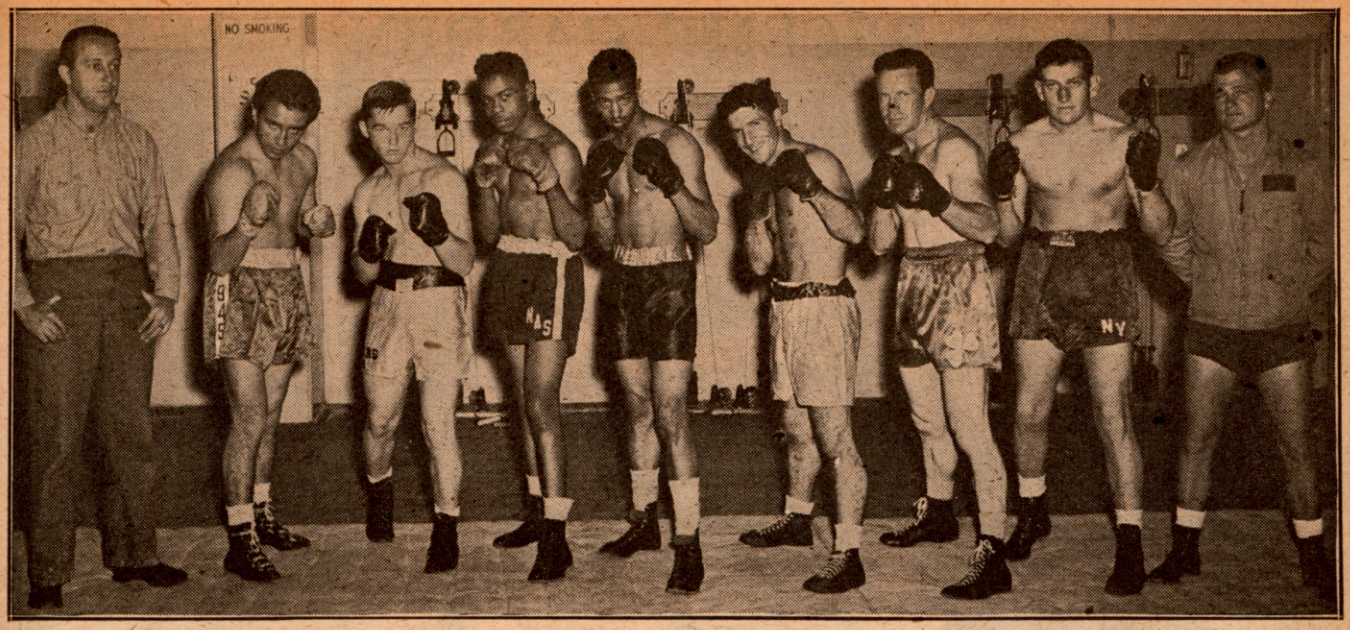
ALTHOUGH Tom Sharkey whipped McCoy, the Kid remained one of the outstanding fighters of his period. He continued to keep himself in the public eye. His entire pugilistic history was marked by an extreme care in the making of his matches and he never entered into one unless he felt confident that he could beat his opponent or put up a good performance. The results of his battles show that he exercised excellent judgment in this respect. He made a closer study of his opponents than any fighter who ever lived. He was an apt student of boxing and never fought anyone unless he knew the fellow's complete history.

With the passing of McCoy, there went from the field of pugilism the most unique figure that had graced the roped square in fifty years in that all of his stuff was his own. He was a copy of no other boxer, either before his time or contemporary with it. He watched the leaders do their bit and then improved on what he had seen. He wasn't content to do just as they did, copy their style and their punches.

Frail of physique compared to the rugged conception of a bruiser, pale of skin and highly nervous of temperament, he looked anything but a fighter when he entered the ring. But he brought a craft with him to the squared circle.

McCoy, as is well known, put many a fighter away through the adoption of a ruse which distracted the attention of his rival for a moment, just long enough to give McCoy an opportunity to send across the haymaker.



NAS ALL-STAR SOCKSMITHS—Guided by their expert coach, Fred Caswell, S 1/c, these "Hellcats" have traded leather with some of the finest boxers in the 12th Naval District—and the local boys usually come out on top. They are, left to right: Paul Michaelson, S 1/c, Fleet Air Athletic Department; Gonzalo Viramontes, AMM 3/c, A&R; Willie Williams, S 1/c, CASU 6; Chuck Cureton, S 1/c, A&R; William Richardson, S 1/c, A&R; Juvenal R. Costa, S 2/c, Marine Guard; Johnny Smith, AMM 2/c; Lewis Hughes, S 1/c, A&R; and Fred Caswell, S 1/c, of Naval Air Athletic Department.

Some of the boys in this picture are exceptionally good fighters and have established a fine amateur record for themselves. Willie Williams, S 1/c, 135 pounds, won the Texas Featherweight Championship in 1945 and went to the semi-finals in the Chicago A.A.U. tournament. Williams is from Temple, Texas.

Billie Richardson, S 1/c, 128 pounds, won the Los Angeles Golden Gloves in 1943. He hails from Los Angeles also.

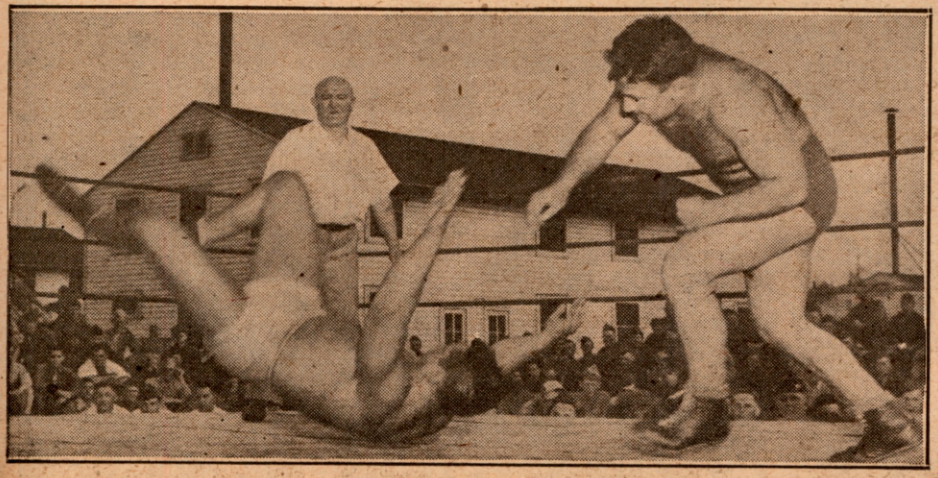
Juvenal R. Costa, S 2/c, 145 pounds, was the winner of the 12th Naval District in his weight last year.

Johnny Smith, AMM 1/c, is a classy boxer and terrific puncher and hasn't lost a bout since becoming a member of the Hellcats team.

Freddie Caswell, S 1/c, took over the coaching job at Alameda in January of this year and has done a fine job of coaching and fighting his team to their numerous wins. Caswell is from Panama City, Fla. He is a former Golden Glover, and is well-known throughout the south for his efforts to promote amateur sports. He is fighting at 138 pounds for the Hellcats.

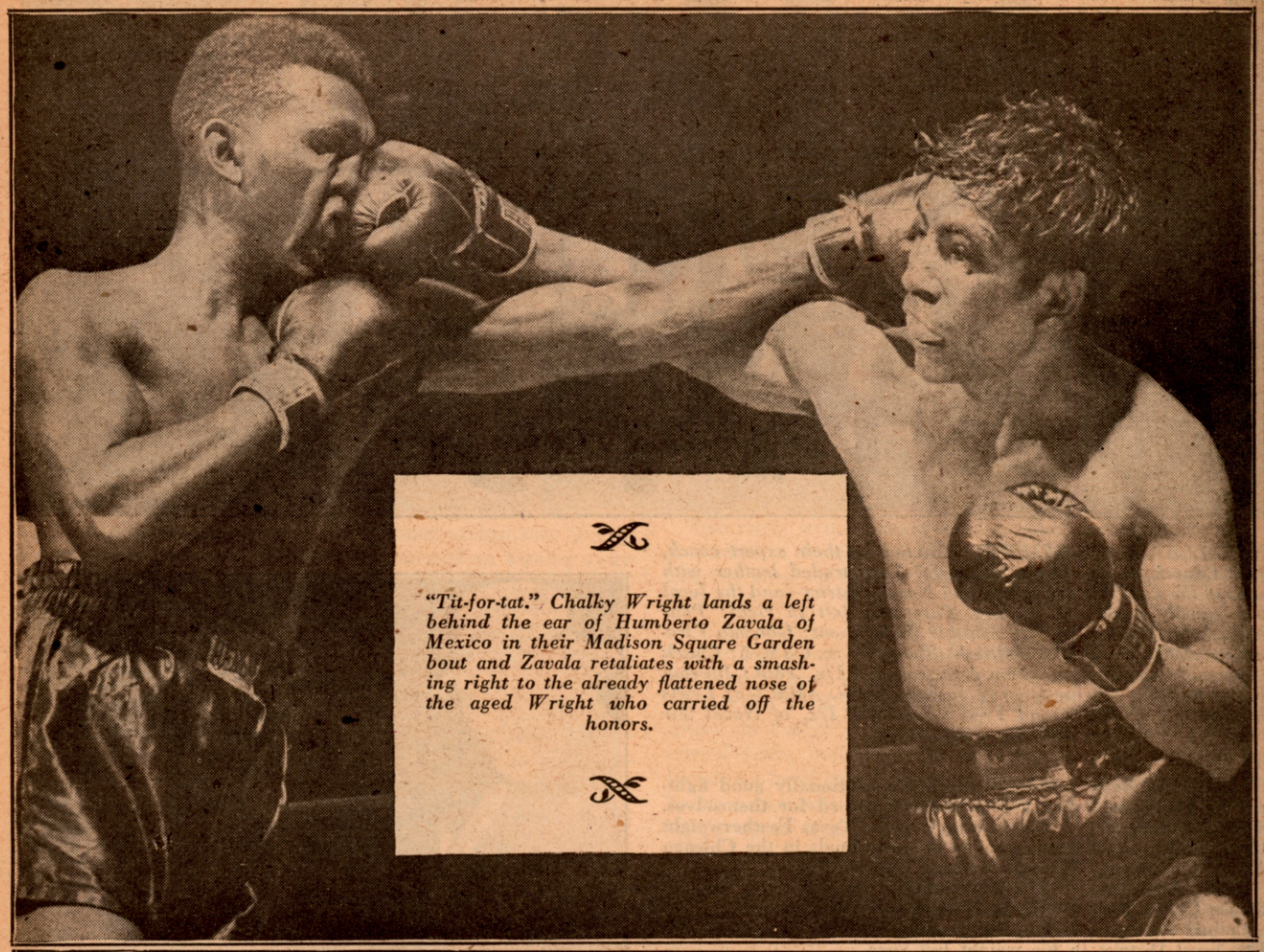
BOXING AND WRESTLING HOLD SERVICE MEN'S ATTENTION

Ed Strangler Lewis (left), greets another star wrestler, Cpl. Louis Thesz, former claimant to world honors, at a GI all-wrestling tournament at Fort Lewis. Thesz pinned several opponents in matches that the "Strangler" refereed.

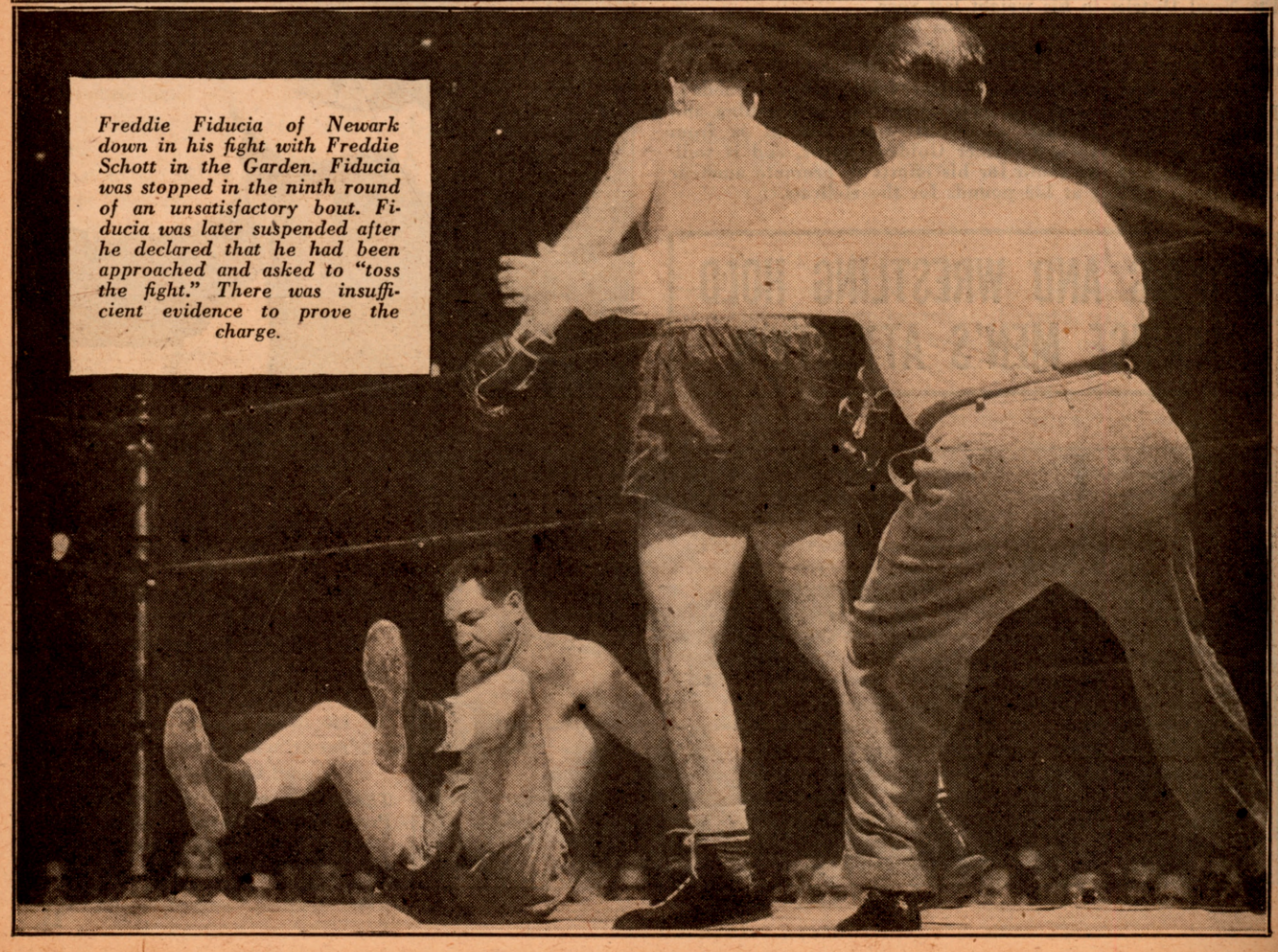


The victim of this flying mare is Pvt. Morris Shapiro and the "toughie" who tossed him, is Capt. John Bonica of Madigan General Hospital at Fort Lewis, Wash.

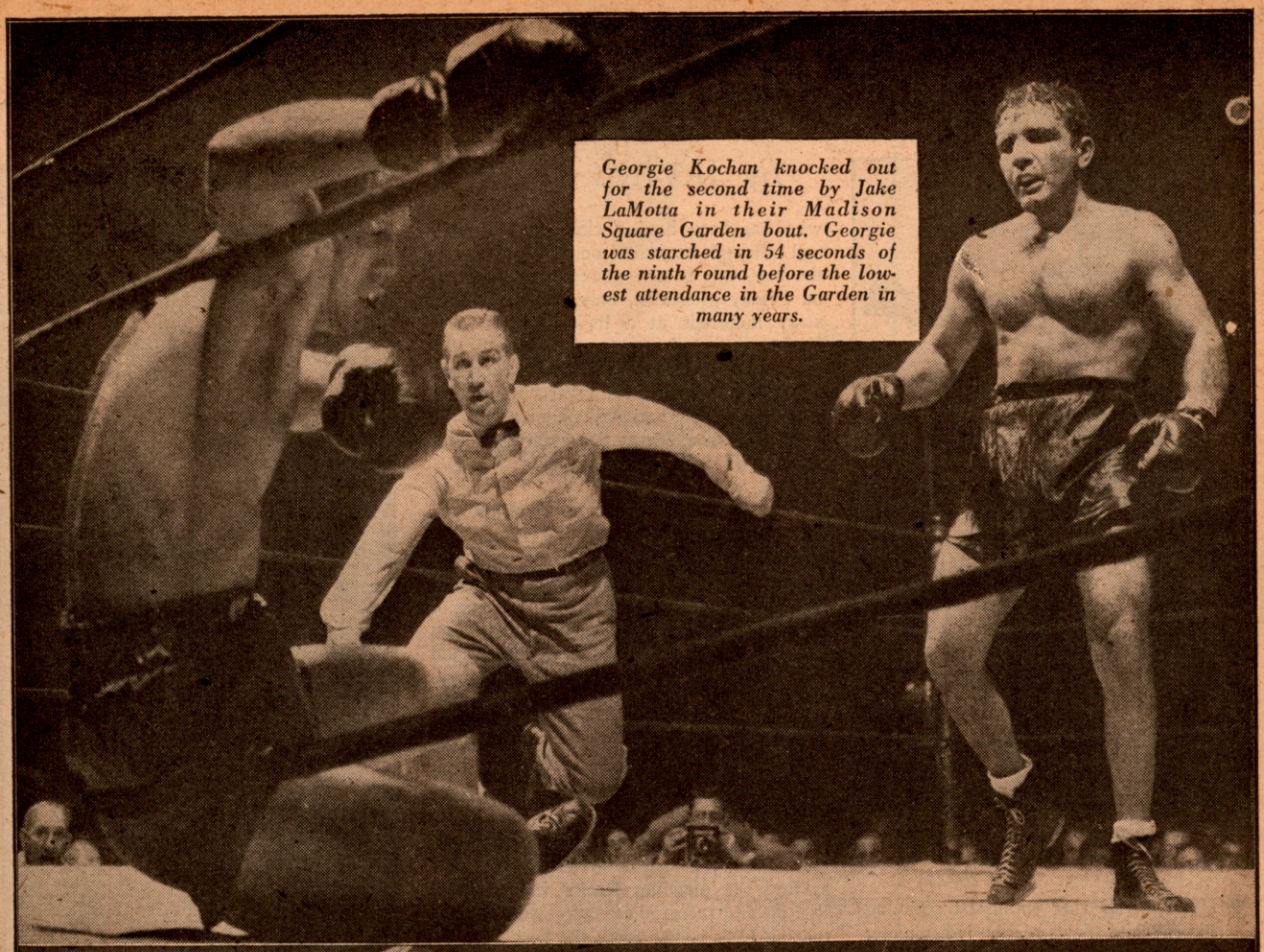
SCENES IN RECENT GARDEN FIGHTS



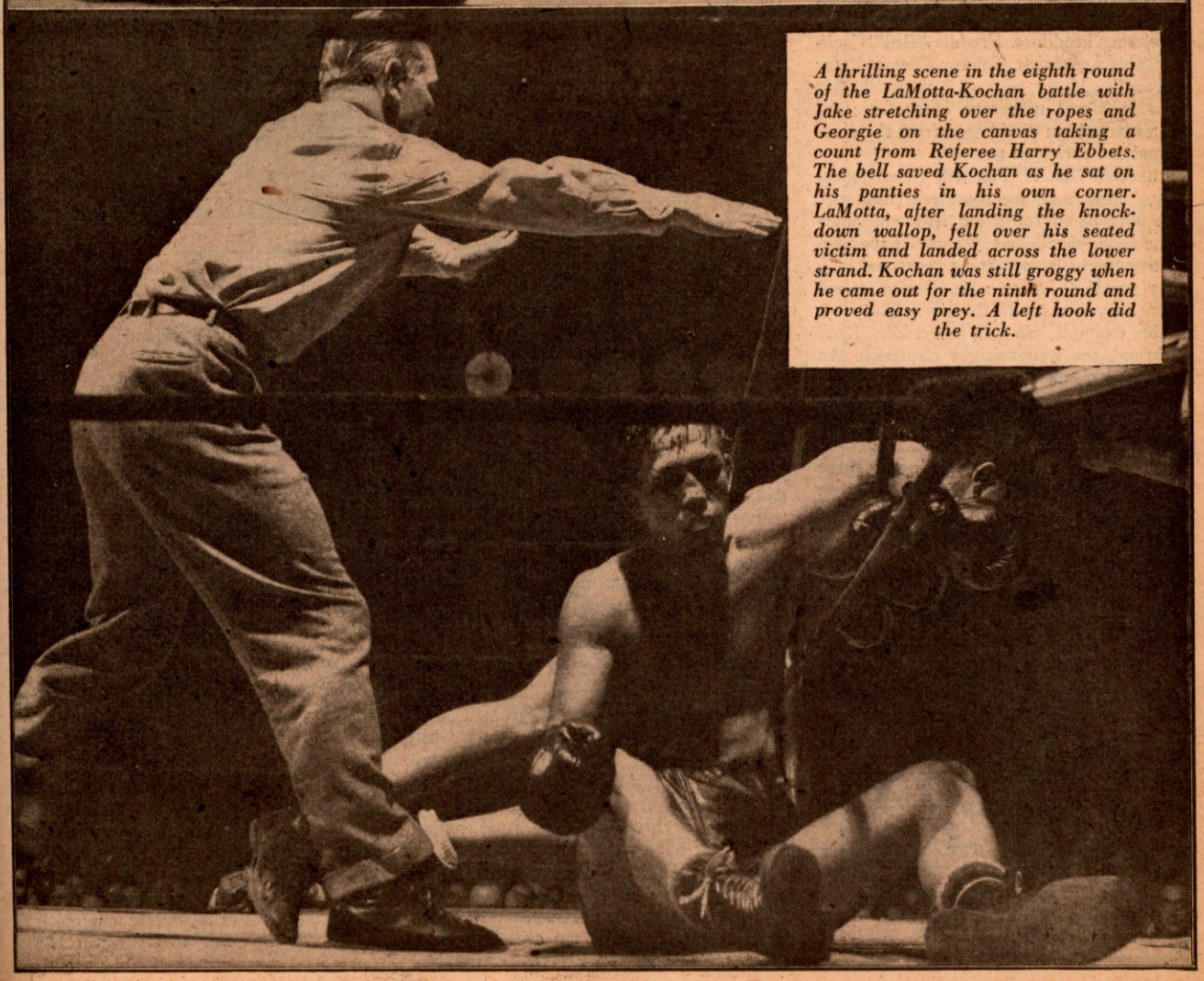
"Tit-for-tat." Chalky Wright lands a left behind the ear of Humberto Zavala of Mexico in their Madison Square Garden bout and Zavala retaliates with a smashing right to the already flattened nose of the aged Wright who carried off the honors.



Freddie Fiducia of Newark down in his fight with Freddie Schott in the Garden. Fiducia was stopped in the ninth round of an unsatisfactory bout. Fiducia was later suspended after he declared that he had been approached and asked to "toss the fight." There was insufficient evidence to prove the charge.



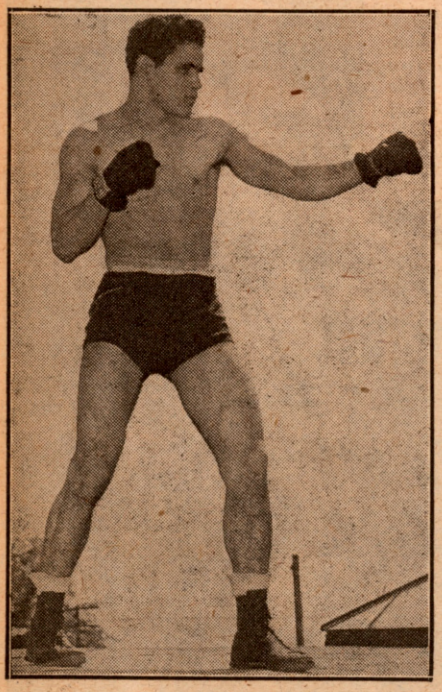
Georgie Kochan knocked out for the second time by Jake LaMotta in their Madison Square Garden bout. Georgie was starched in 54 seconds of the ninth round before the lowest attendance in the Garden in many years.



A thrilling scene in the eighth round of the LaMotta-Kochan battle with Jake stretching over the ropes and Georgie on the canvas taking a count from Referee Harry Ebbets. The bell saved Kochan as he sat on his panties in his own corner. LaMotta, after landing the knockdown wallop, fell over his seated victim and landed across the lower strand. Kochan was still groggy when he came out for the ninth round and proved easy prey. A left hook did the trick.

POSTWAR OUTLOOK

By IRVING RUDD



Tommy Gomez, wounded sixteen times, but back in fistic fold.

THE RABID ring enthusiast scanning his favorite sports section is beginning to note many familiar names creeping into the boxing headlines. Freddie "Red" Cochrane, Gus Lesnevich, Tommy Gomez, Patsy Giovanelli, Marty Servo, Reuben Shanks, Beau Jack and numerous other fistic favorites have been discharged from the service and are raring to go.

Although Gus H. Fan will chortle gleefully, "Now we'll see some *real* fighters," —he may be in for a big letdown. Some of the above-mentioned scrappers have been inactive for as long as three years and may never regain the keen edge they possessed before they wnt off to the wars. The most notable example, we feel, is Freddie "Red" Cochrane, the welterweight champion. An in-and-outer, albeit a topnotcher, the Jersey redhead won the welterweight title from Fritzie Zivic on July 29, 1941. Then, with many lucrative money shots in the offing Cochrane, nevertheless, threw away these literally golden opportunities to enlist in the Navy. His last recorded fight prior to his enlistment, was a loss in ten frames to Zivic on September 10, 1942.

For three years Cochrane served valiantly, survived many strafings, was a great morale booster and coach to the boys in blue, but failed to see sharp competitive ring action. Discharged recently, he began to train seriously to make up for the lost time and face one or two tough fighters before putting his hard-won, profitless title on the block. While Cochrane and others were away, the calibre of pug developed during the acute wartime shortage was far below the standard of some five years ago. Men who received huge sums of money for main bouts in the Garden and other clubs could not, by pre-war standards, rate a six-round or semi-final spot on most matchmakers' cards.

For example, a welterweight favorite who has been boxing close to ten years and although he feared no man and fought the best, was beaten as regularly as a rug on Friday afternoon, only recently turned away hundreds at a local club in New York and earned a purse of close to $2,000. This writer recalls the same fighter gladly signing a guarantee contract for $150 to tangle with a nationally known favorite in an eight-rounder at this same club four years ago!

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THERE have been exceptions and the most noteworthy was the fellow Red Cochrane signed to meet—Rock'em, Sock-'em, Rocky Graziano. This tough East Sider has shown no favoritism as to the type of opponent selected for him. Tommy can belt, can take a hefty wallop in return, and even old-timers grudgingly admit Graziano "belongs." So, on June 29 of this year, almost three years since he last faced top-flight opposition, Cochrane, with a few warm-ups under his belt set out to face the best battler brought out on the home-front during this war.

For nine rounds it was nip and tuck and the Garden crowd was hysterical and limp as first the plodding Rocky would shake Red up and then the ex-sailor would come roaring back to put forth the best fight of his career. Cochrane unfolded a bag of pre-war tricks that befuddled the Dead End Kid. Red speared him silly at times. He slipped wild leads and countered beautifully to befuddle the youngster who was just a kid in knee pants when Red was an established fighter.

Both men showed hearts as big as a catcher's mitt coming into the tenth and final frame. Cochrane especially, for he had been stung by the "cheese champ" and "bum" epithets of the sports writers. Suddenly, like an ancient "lizzy," the welterweight champion ran out of gas, and then Rocky really poured it on. Poor Red knew in his mind what he wanted to do to offset the rushing Graziano. The will was there, but the stamina and strength were all gone and as everyone knows, tough Tommy won on a K. O.

They met in a later bout and this time the game Cochrane was duck soup for Graziano who scored another ten-round knockout. Most boxing experts feel that Cochrane, should he attempt a title defense against a hard punching welter like Ray Robinson, would be shorn of his crown.

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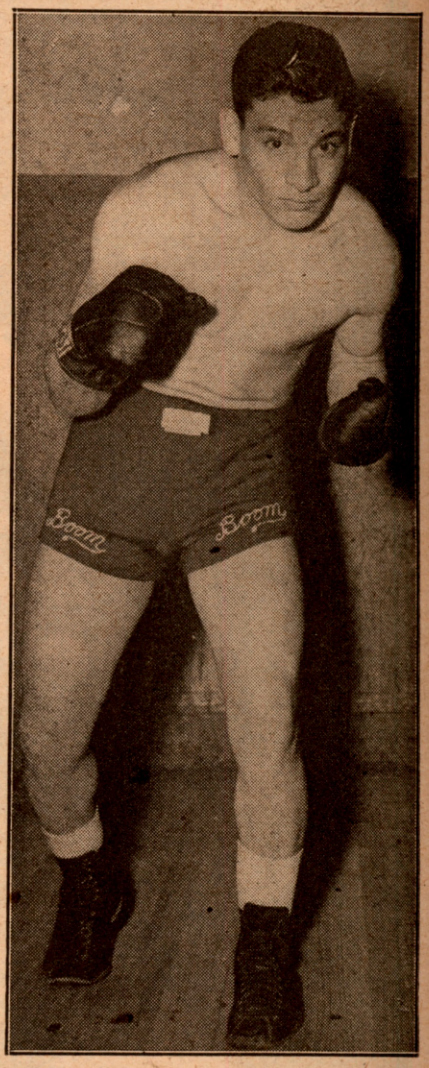
IS THIS to be the fate of most returning servicemen? Not if you'll listen to Tommy Gomez, the heavyweight from Tampa, Florida, who flabbergasted reporters when he arrived from Europe on the *Queen Elizabeth* recently and said, "I believe that 16 bullet and shrapnel holes will make me a better fighter—perhaps heavyweight champion of the world!"

Gomez, who kayoed 36 out of 45 opponents, before entering the army, was shot up three times in less than 10 hours last February 6 during the crossing of the Ruhr. He said he was pleasantly surprised



Lenny "Boom Boom" Mancini, wearer of the Purple Heart, who has returned to the ring and now scales 154 pounds.

to discover that the wounds in his arms, back, chest and legs made him more "relaxed" when he was boxing. Tommy pointed out that tension always tightened him up previously and prevented him from putting forth his best efforts. He cites his last bout which he lost to Johnny Flynn in Madison Square Garden as an example. After more than a hundred exhibitions Tommy is raring to go and expects to face his first foe about the middle of December.

"I tried to arrange an exhibition with Billy Conn," Gomez declared, "but somehow it couldn't be managed. I can lick Conn right now," he emphasized. Tommy's list of victims is studded with top-flight names like Teddy Yarosz, the late Tommy Tucker, Tony Musto and Buddy Knox.

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GUS LESNEVICH, fresh out of the Coast Guard, has no qualms about meeting rugged opposition as soon as he is in shape. In fact, Lesnevich wants the toughest of 'em all, Joe Louis!

"I have never made much money with the title," the light-heavyweight champion declared. "I am going to try again and defend my crown within the six months as

the boxing commission wants me to do. After that," Gus added, "I want the big fellows. After all, I went 30 close rounds with Billy Conn and you saw what Billy did to Louis."

Lesnevich, 29 years old, stated that his present weight is about 187 pounds but that he could make the 175 pound limit if he had to. However, when he tackles the heavies, Gus expects to tip the beam at the 180 mark. Lesnevich last faced sterling opposition when he dropped a ten rounder to Jimmy Bivins on March 11, 1942. Close to four years will have elapsd when the 175 pound kingpin next laces on the gloves. How he will fare against the best is problematical.

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MARTY SERVO, Al Weill's rugged little welter, is best remembered for his corking setto against Ray Robinson in New York when he came closest at that time to whipping the then unbeaten Harlemite. Servo's re-entry into the ranks of pugilism will serve once again to spotlight the activities of colorful Al Weill who always made good copy when his men were active.

Other well-known personalities have been obscured by the war, and it will be great to read of the antics of characters like Eddie Walker, Jack Barrett, Johnny Attell, Lew Burston, Chris Dundee, Lew Diamond, "the Honest Brakeman," Evil Eye Finkle, and so many others who in many cases were more newsworthy than the scrappers they guided. They have all kept busy during the war with the ordinary material at hand but will soon get back into stride with the kind of fighters they had been accustomed to handling. Barrett already has one war boxer in tow who is making good with a vengeance—Wildcat George Henry.

Lenny "Boom Boom" Mancini, a perpetual motion puncher who rated high on THE RING'S list of contenders, showed great form in winning his first comeback start although he wears the Purple Heart for severe wounds received while soldiering. Another Purple Heart vet, Vinnie Rossano, who cleaned up all opposition in Europe, is flashing his old bolo wallop with pre-war accuracy, having won his first two starts since his discharge. Beau Jack is prancing around Stillman's Gym looking as formidable as ever.

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THERE is plenty of opposition ready and eager to face the returning servicemen in natural matches which should draw tremendous gates around the country.

Jimmy Bivins, for one, feels that he has been sidetracked for quite some time. Tami Mauriello feels the same way. Whether or not men like Joe Baksi and Lee Oma can stand up to stiffer opposition remains to be seen. Both have been exceedingly inactive. The former, a game plugger, may find himself baffled by the clever antics of the smoother boxers now in action. Oma, who has been batting about for ten years with very little success, captured the hearts of heavyweight followers during the past year and a half and if he can stay in shape and show the determination he is capable of, might fight his way to the very top. He has

Marty Servo, back from the Coast Guard and rarin' to go.

the experience and knowhow to test the best.

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AN INTERNATIONAL angle looms with Bruce Woodcock of England figuring quite prominently in postwar plans. He may visit this country, or a possibility exists that some of America's crackerjack clouters might cross the ocean to tackle big Bruce.

Freddie Mills rates highly, too. There is talk of Lesnevich visiting Europe to defend his title against the popular Mills.

Marcel Cerdan, although a ring veteran, must be considered with our crop of welterweights when one discusses international boxing matches. There are, no doubt, a few great fighters who have come along in Australia during the past few years.

With air travel now so fully developed, American boxers will easily travel to far-off lands to compete with the best the foreign countries can offer. The time element is most important, as previously, an American boxer, although well paid, had to sometimes give up as much as from six months to a year of his time travelling to Africa, Australia or Europe; during which interval he dropped out of the local limelight in America.

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RUGGED Jake LaMotta, the "One-Man Gang," is another civilian anxious to meet anyone, anywhere, anytime. A match talked about that would bulge the walls of any stadium is one featuring Jake with Rocky Graziano. What a slugfest that would be! It's strictly a case of the irresistible force meeting the immovable object. Jeeves, my digitalis, please.

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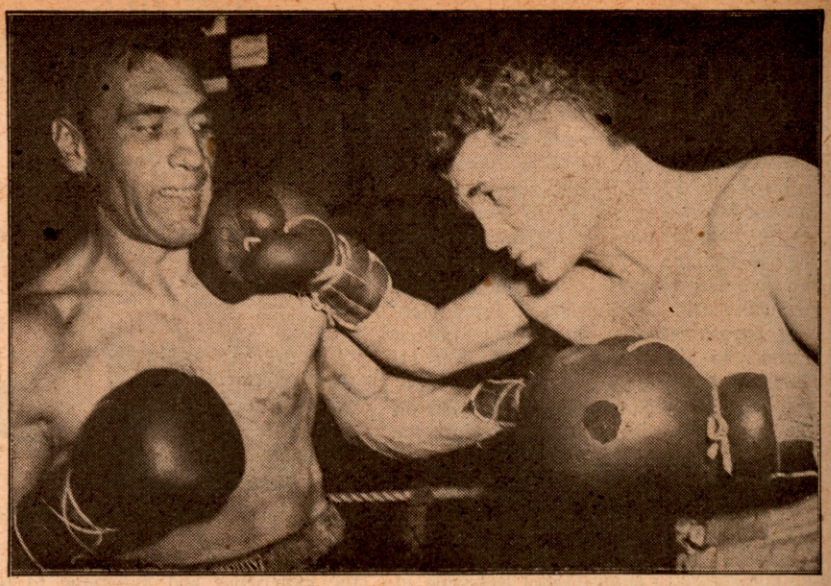


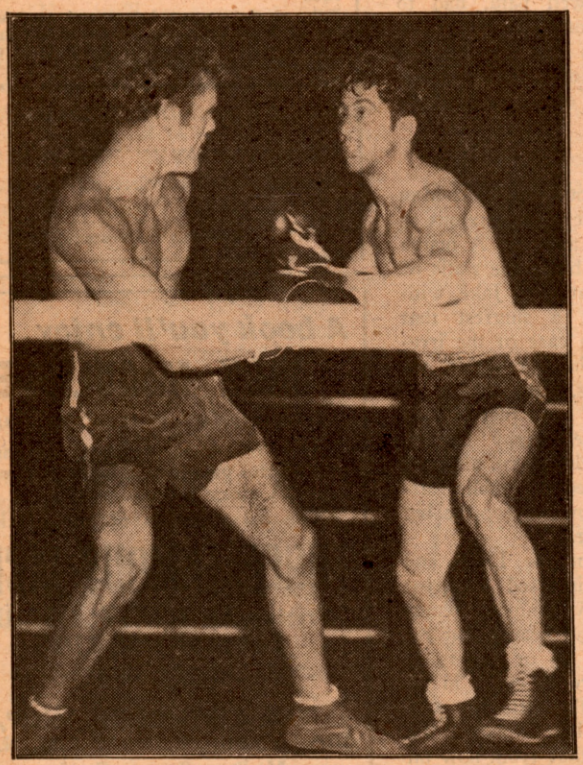
Cpl. Joe Biro, Chicago P.B.S. heavyweight, and M.P. with little boxing experience, engages Primo Carnera, former world heavyweight champion, in an exhibition before 20,000 G.I.'s at Leghorn, Italy.

PENINSULAR BASE HEADQUARTERS, LEGHORN, ITALY —A record crowd of 20,000 watched Cpl. Henry Jones, Detroit, Mich., 1944 North African heavyweight Allied champion, spot Angilino Chiesa, his 240-pound opponent of Italy, 50 pounds and win the unanimous decision in a six-round bout at Leghorn's Yankee Stadium. This was one of eight action-packed bouts that included a three-round exhibition between Primo Carnera, former world's heavyweight champ, and Cpl. Joe Biro, Chicago, Ill., of the PBS boxing team.

Chiesa, billed in Italy as the new Carnera, kept Jones away from him for two rounds, but Jones' hard right landed in the third, flooring the Italian. However, he got right up without taking a count. Jones then displayed the form that won him the North African championship when with three hard rights, followed by a left, he rocked the towering giant and from then on it was clear sailing for the Army champ.

Carnera got a hand from the G.I. fans during his fight with Biro. Biro, an M.P. with little ring experience, put on a good show.

"Don't worry," shouted one of his buddies. "If Carnera hits you, we'll pull him in for manslaughter."



Alberto Giovanni of Italy (left), and clever Pfc. Carlos Litz of Albany, N. Y., former lightweight champ of Fort Jackson, mix it in the best of a thrilling eight bouts card at the Yankee Stadium in Italy. The bout was called a draw.

A return match found T/5 Billy Miles, four-time Indianapolis, Ind., Golden Gloves lightweight champ, paired against clever Luciano Paolletti of Italy in a four-rounder. Outpunching and outboxing the Italian, Miles clearly demonstrated his right to be known as the best 140-pounder overseas by the way he outpointed the best boxer in Italy. Miles gets stronger by the round. By the fourth, he had Paolletti groggy with whirlwind lefts and rights.

The best fight of the evening was between fast Pfc. Carlos Litz, 138, Albany, N. Y., and Alberto Giovanni, 139, of Italy. It ended in a draw. Both are polished boxers and showed plenty of class. From the third round on, the boys just stood in the center of the ring, trading blows, neither giving ground.

In the opening bout, Pvt. Larry Thomas, 134, Philadelphia, Pa., got the decision over Renzo Penco, 136, a fast boy from Italy. Thomas, who has learned how to jab with telling effect, made Penco's mad rushes look silly. With perfect timing he stopped them with hard rights and when the bell rang in the final round, the Italian was practically out on his feet.

As in all of the fights in which the crack PBS boxers are matched, their opponents have had more time for training. The men who serve in this base, the main Army Service Force in the Mediterranean theater, are still on a 24-hour-seven-day-per-week schedule because they are engaged in redeployment of thousands of troops back to the States. Yet despite this handicap, the PBS boxing team remains unbeaten because here is the greatest collection of natural boxers any theater of operations has ever seen.

Some of the men intend to enter the pro ranks and it's going to be a lucky manager who grabs them first.

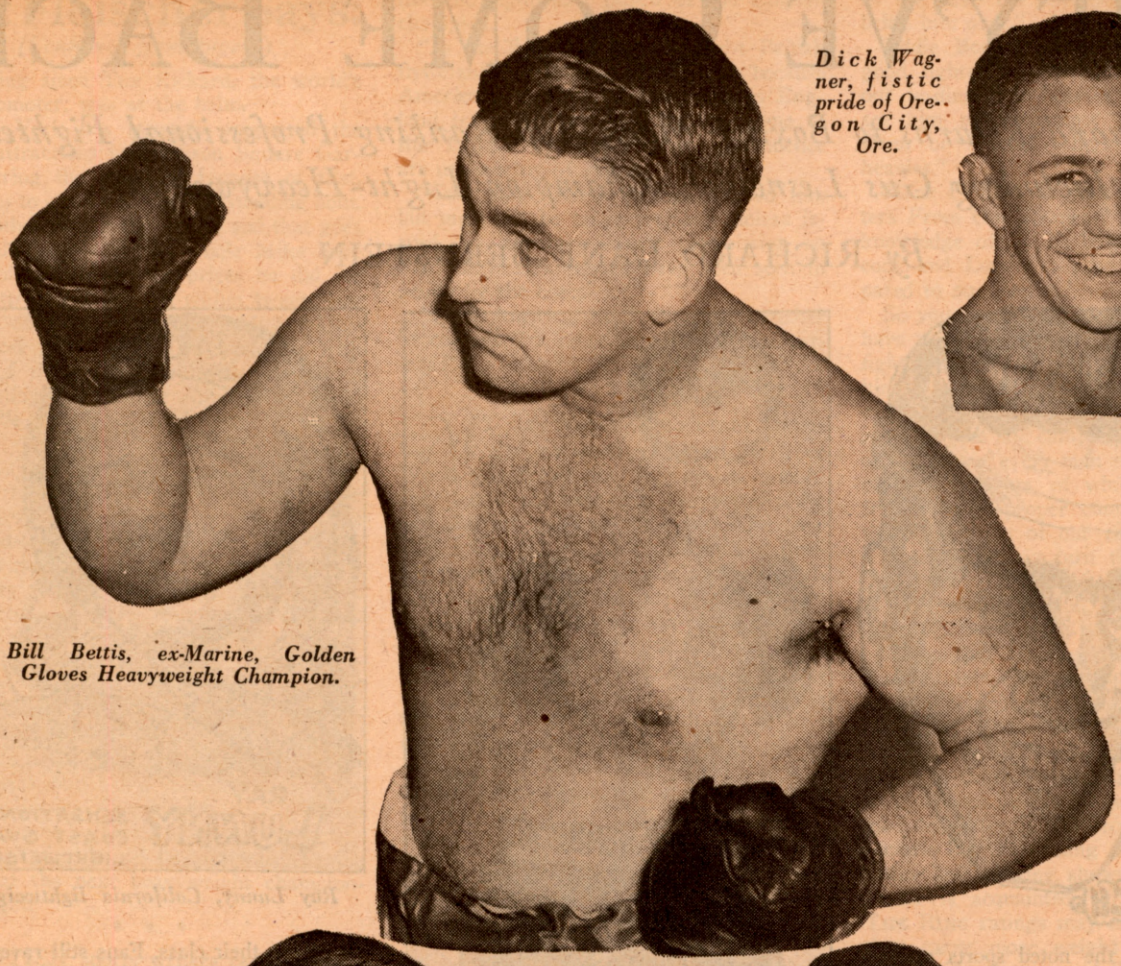
The complete fight results:

Pvt. Larry Thomas, 134, Philadelphia, Pa., outpointed Renzo Penco, 133, Italy (3). Cpl. Richard Orange, Bronx, N. Y., 144, drew with Sergio Fontanelli, 140, Italy (3). Bruno Questa, 158, Italy, outpointed Pvt. Leo Sawaicki, 154, Worcester, Mass. (4). Piero Sardino, 126, Italy, outpointed Pvt. Cleo Dinwiddie, 126, Evansville, Ind. (4). T/5 Billy Miles, 140, Indianapolis, Ind., outpointed Luciano Paolletti, 139, Italy (4). Pfc. Carlos Litz, 138, Albany, N. Y., drew with Alberto Giovanni, 136, Italy (5). Cpl. Joe Biro, 200, Chicago, Ill., and Primo Carnera, 250, three-round no-decision. Cpl. Henry Jones, 190, Detroit, Mich., outpointed Angilino Chiesa, 240, Italy (6).

Referees: Sgt. Fidel LaBarba, retired undefeated flyweight champion of the world, and Billy Reagan, coach of the University of Miami boxing team. LaBarba, who is very popular with the boys overseas, has proved of inestimable value as a morale booster. His refereeing ranks with the best.

PBS athletic director is Capt. W. W. Merritt, and the boxing promoter is Sgt. Jules Shanbrom.

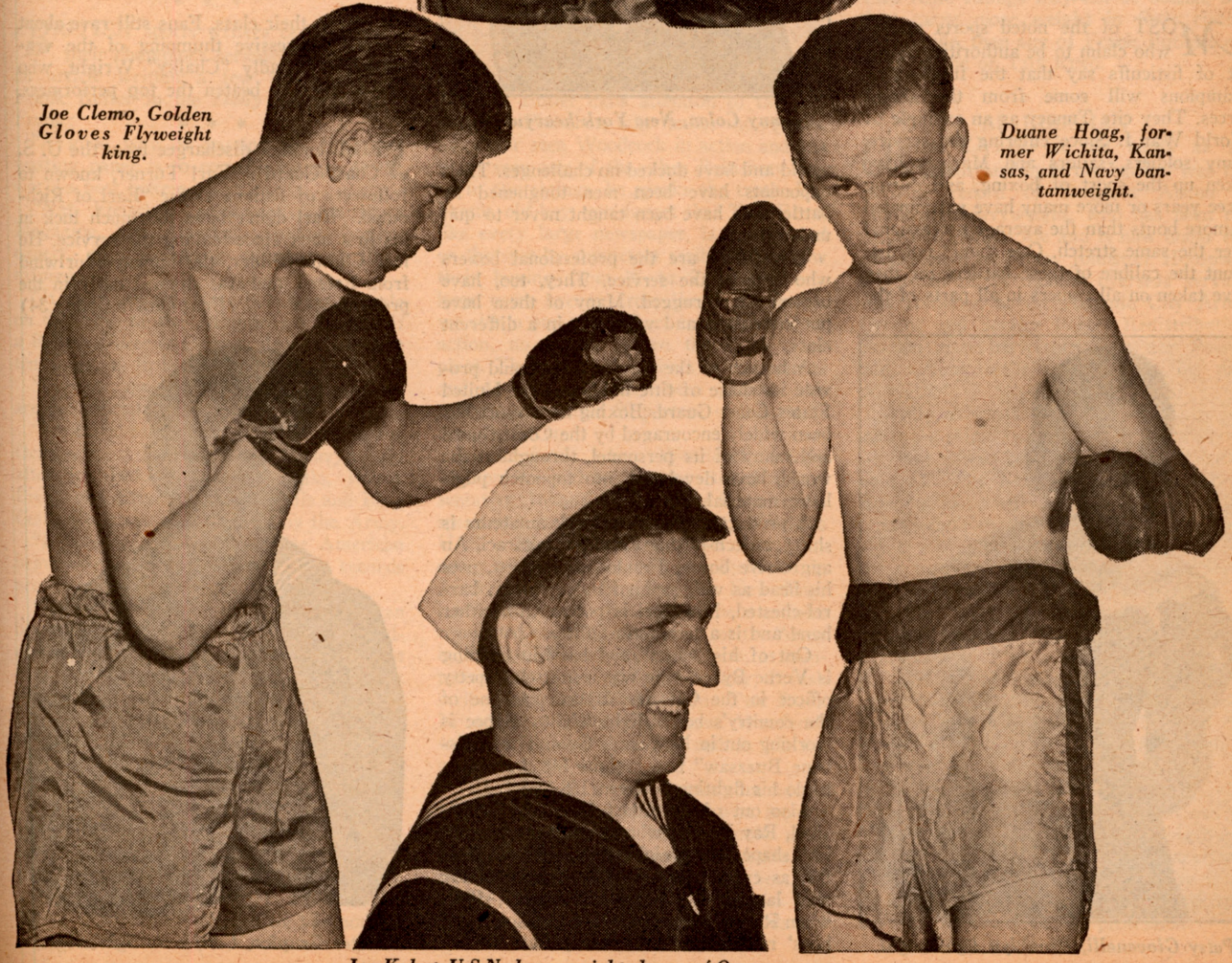
Oregon Fighters in Northwest Spotlight



Bill Bettis, ex-Marine, Golden Gloves Heavyweight Champion.

Dick Wagner, fistic pride of Oregon City, Ore.

Joe Clemo, Golden Gloves Flyweight king.



Duane Hoag, former Wichita, Kansas, and Navy bantamweight.

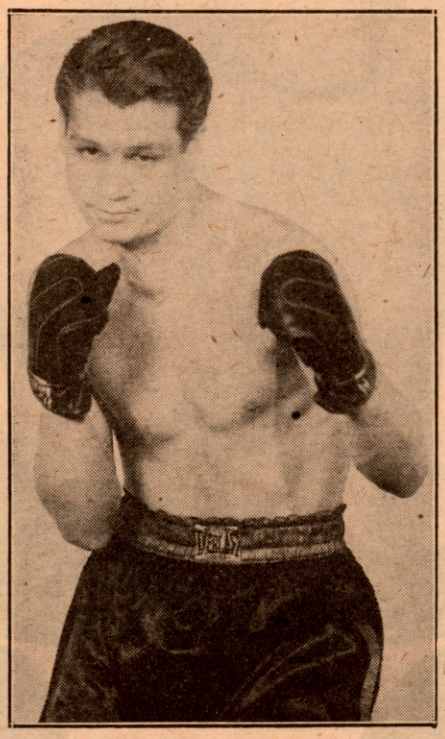
Joe Kahut, U.S.N., heavyweight champ of Oregon

THEY'VE COME BACK

Coast Guard Returns to Boxing Many Top-Ranking Professional Fighters, Including Gus Lesnevich, Champion Light-Heavyweight

By RICHARD LANE BERNSTEIN

MOST of the noted sports scribes who claim to be authorities on the art of fisticuffs say that the future ring champions will come from the armed forces. They cite Tunney as an example of World War I. Since entering the service, many soldiers, sailors and Marines have taken up the sport of boxing, and during three years or more many have participated in more bouts than the average professional over the same stretch. One should not discount the calibre of these battlers for they have taken on all comers in all parts of the world and have ducked no challenges. Their opponents have been men toughened by battle, who have been taught never to quit under fire.



Johnny Colan, New York heavyweight.

Ray Lunny, California lightweight.

Then there are the professional boxers who entered the service. They, too, have become more rugged. Many of them have put on weight and will fight in a different class.

A branch of the service that should provide its share of title holders is the United States Coast Guard. Boxing as a sport has been widely encouraged by the Coast Guard and many of its personnel, throughout the world, have developed into topnotch pugilistic material.

A product of the New York amateurs is shifty, switch-hitting Frankie Magaraci. An aggressive boxer, Frankie is a stylist, uses his head as well as his hands. Stocky, barrel-chested, Magaraci is potent with either hand and is a terrific in-fighter.

Out of his "blues" and back in training is Verne Bybee, who was a first class petty officer in the Coasties. Bybee was one of the country's better lightweights. Bybee is working out in Newman's Gym. The "Brisbane Buzzsaw" now weighs 148, but hopes to do his fighting between 138 and 142.

Also out of the Coast Guard is Bybee's rival, Ray Lunny, who is whipping himself into shape. Ray weighs about 140 and is as fast as ever. Bybee and Lunny met in the ring last on the night of May 17, 1941, when Ray tapped out a close decision. Both boys' records show that they have beaten the best in their class. Fans still rave about Verne's impressive thumping of the venerable and deadly "Chalky" Wright, who has continually beaten the top performers.

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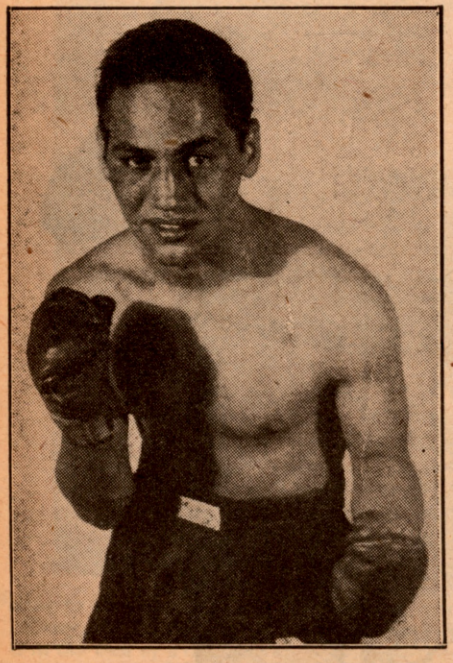
STILL another dischargee from the U. S. Coast Guard is Earl Turner, known to followers of fistiana as the "Earl of Richmond." Earl didn't have too much luck in his first start since leaving the service. He met Chester Slider, the human whirlwind from Fresno, and was stopped early in the proceedings. *(Continued on page 34)*



Patsy Giovanelli, Brooklyn lightweight.

Victor Grupico, California lightweight.

Nat Fleischer Says:

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in boxing since Tex Rickard, the world's ace promoter, was at the helm.

New York has strongly supported the many attractions in Madison Square Garden during the war and because of that, deserves to get the world's outstanding bout. In no other city in the world, and that goes for Philadelphia, would Uncle Mike have been able to charge the prices he did for these attractions and get within twenty-five percent of the gate. Compare Mugsy Taylor's best gates in the Quaker City with those of the Garden with the same men performing. No city in America can hold a candle before New York as a fistic center!

Loyalty and prestige—these must be considered by Uncle Mike before he casts the die and tosses overboard the city that made him famous and wealthy. He may never get the chance to square accounts with the Big City should he abandon it in favor of Philadelphia. I quote Commissioner Eagan in winding up the plea for New York:

"If Jacobs takes the Conn-Louis battle away to Philadelphia, the commission will see fit to ask him to do all of his promoting in Quakertown."

That's not to be construed as a threat by any means, but it is a statement from New York's Boxing Commission that deserves deep thought by Uncle Mike.

New York should be and must be the scene of the next heavyweight championship fight.

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BRITISH sports writers certainly take their champions seriously, judging by an article written a few weeks ago by Frank Butler in the *Daily Express*. Says Frank:

"A good way of passing the time and wasting paper is to compile ratings of the world's best boxers.

"Nat Fleischer, editor of THE RING Magazine, and America's leading boxing expert, enjoys issuing columns of these ratings.

"It may amuse Nat, but when people on this side of the Atlantic get excited if a British boxer is given a place in the first ten I get a little exasperated.

"Let me make it clear. These ratings are not official.

"Fleischer rated Bruce Woodcock in the October issue as the fifth best heavyweight after Joe Baksi, Tami Mauriello, Jimmy Bivins and Elmer Ray. Joe Louis and Billy Conn are considered 'frozen' by the Army.

"I have not seen any of these American heavyweights in action, but their records are not over-impressive.

"Nat Fleischer, who knows American boxing from A to Z, has never seen Woodcock in action. Bruce may be just the best of a poor set of British heavyweights, but on what grounds can he be rated fifth to the above-mentioned fighters?

"Until Woodcock has met some of the American heavyweights, ratings are plain farcical.

"I have seen Louis and Conn in many gym bouts which of course, are often misleading, but the impression I gained is that Louis is in a class of his own.

"Billy Conn is a faster and smarter fighter than Woodcock, but he has nothing like the right-hand punch of the English champion.

"In the flyweight division eight British flyweights get into the ten positions because America is as short of flyweights as England is of bananas, but, frankly, some of the British flyweights given prominence are not worthy of rating.

"Compiling lists of ratings is good fun, but must not be taken seriously unless issued by an international commission so that the boxers ranked have been seen in action by the compilers.

"Can't America and Britain get together in compiling a more accurate list of ratings?"

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MY congratulations to Frank Butler for his stand on behalf of Bruce Woodcock. It not only is good sportsmanship but a patriotic duty, to support the new British heavyweight king. When our good friend Butler, son of the famous British sports writer, wrote the above, Woodcock had come into the heavyweight crown by defeating the aged, slow and clumsy Jack London, a fighter who would have lasted probably half a round with Louis and one round with Billy Conn, and probably not more than three with Jimmy Bivins, Joe Baksi, Tami Mauriello, Lee Q. Murray, Lee Oma and Elmer Ray. The ratings in the October issue were based on that victory.

Since then Woodcock has knocked out Thornton, as a result of which he was placed in third position in the November issue, not because Frank Butler objected to THE RING rankings in the previous issue, but because of the inactivity of those who were placed ahead of Woodcock the month before.

When Butler calls attention to the fact that Nat Fleischer, who makes the ratings, has never seen Woodcock in action and has never seen any of the other Britishers listed in our ratings, he speaks the truth. But Frank, old boy, you forget that THE RING, like every large newspaper, is represented on the spot by competent scribes who know their boxing from A to Z, and like a huge news agency from the battle fronts, we obtain our news direct from the field of action, no matter where the fight takes place. There is no guesswork in our ratings and as has repeatedly been proved, our ratings, more than 80 percent of our rankings, stand up.

In England, when Woodcock fought London, we had besides our British representative, Johnny Sharpe, four RING correspondents now overseas—Johnny Salek, a U. S. soldier with headquarters near London; Eddie Borden, with headquarters in Antwerp; Mark Fannon, our New England chief, and Irwin Goldie, the man who conducted the Billy Conn tour for the Army in Europe. These men, all experts, as competent to report a fight as any British scribe, analyzed Woodcock for THE RING. In addition, Billy Conn saw Woodcock work on several occasions and in his report to me, he wrote:

"Woodcock is a good fighter, but not as good as is Freddie Mills. He won from a man whom our best heavies could whip with one hand tied behind their back. He wouldn't go very far against our best. Of all the heavyweights and light-heavies I've seen in Europe, Freddie Mills stands out as the best. I'd like to see Mike Jacobs bring him over."

Eddie Borden wrote: "Woodcock is a good fighter who would do well against our leading light-heavies, but I'd hate to see him pitted against Joe Louis, Billy Conn or several others of our leading heavies."

Mark Fannon, as you will see in "Letters From Our Readers" says: "From my knowledge of U. S. boxers, both Woodcock and London are second raters compared to our leaders."

So you see, Frank, Nat Fleischer doesn't have to be on the spot to be able to rate a fighter. In fact it would be impossible for him to see most of the American top-notchers in this country. Ratings are based on performances and comparisons and we know enough about every man rated except some of the flyweights, of whom there are too few to make proper comparisons. As for the compilation of our ratings being fun, I would willingly turn this monthly task over to Frank Butler, a task with many headaches and no fun, I assure the Britisher.

I hope that Woodcock is as good as Mr. Butler thinks he is and that he can stand up to the high rating we gave him in the last issue. It would benefit boxing worldwide if he could show to such advantage.

But to think that an injustice was done to Woodcock because he was rated fifth immediately after he won from London and to remark that the rating of boxers is both useless and amusing, shows how little Frank Butler is acquainted with world boxing. THE RING ratings may not be official, but they carry more weight in fistic circles world-wide, than any of Frank Butler's attacks on me or THE RING.

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AL HOOSMAN

UNDEFEATED in 30 bouts as an amateur and in Army battles, was the enviable record of Sergeant Alston J. Hoosman, heavyweight, who has been returned to civilian life and is now under the management of Jimmy Johnston. Hoosman, a veteran of 34 months overseas service, was stationed at the Atlantic City Army Ground and Service Forces Redistribution Station after his return from the Pacific and a few weeks ago received his discharge.

While overseas, Sergeant Hoosman became the prime favorite of Australia's boxing fans where he was known as "Gentleman Al." The Negro sergeant was a two-time conqueror of Herb Narvo, Australian heavyweight champion.

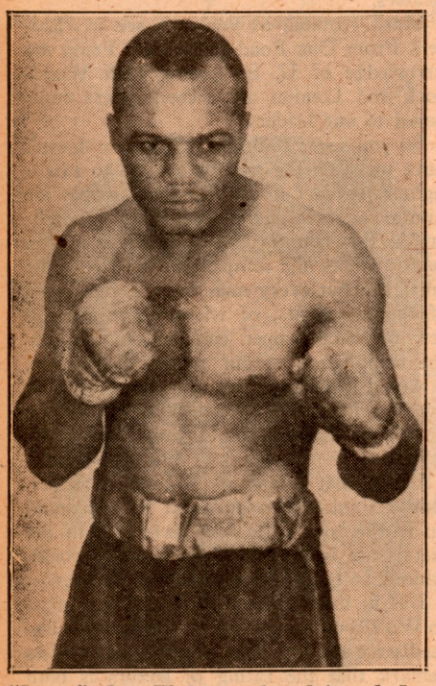
He also won the heavyweight title of the armed forces in the Southwest Pacific area by stopping Private Joe Gladden in the first round and gaining a 3-round decision in the finals over Private First Class Ivan Wilson.

Before going overseas the 6 foot, 5 inch giant won 18 amateur and five professional contests on the Pacific Coast. He won the Pacific Coast Golden Gloves heavyweight championship in 1939.

Sergeant Hoosman entered the service November 23, 1940, and was stationed at Ft. Lewis, Washington, before going overseas. He was a star football and basketball player and is a college graduate. He is an excellent conversationalist and should rate high in his newly chosen profession.

Hitting the Spotlight

By FRED EISENSTADT



"Jersey" Joe Wolcott who defeated Joe Baksi.

"JERSEY" JOE WOLCOTT

"JERSEY" JOE WOLCOTT got into the spotlight recently when he defeated the highly rated Joe Baksi and though he had been inactive for some time that victory gained for him a place among the ten ranking heavyweight fighters. Wolcott, since that outstanding feat, has been avoided by the leading heavyweights. They don't seem to care to mix it with him in the ring.

Wolcott was born in Merchantville, N. J., 31 years ago. After graduating from high school, he worked at various occupations—and managed to find time to do a bit of amateur boxing. He turned pro in 1934, but had a tough time making a living at fisticuffs—not from the lack of ability, however, but because he was being badly mismanaged.

"After I had given the fight game a fair trial," explained the well-bred, highly educated Negro, "seven years, to be exact, I was forced to abandon it—much against my wishes. During the war I quit fighting and got myself a job at the Camden Ship Yards—where I'm still employed."

Wolcott returned to the ring early this year, and is now campaigning under the management of a live-wire fight pilot, Vic Marsillo. Joe has taken part in five contests under Vic and won them all. He defeated Johnny Allen, Austin Johnson, Johnny Denson, Joe Baksi and Jackie Saunders.

Marsillo relates an interesting episode which occurred at champion Joe Louis' training camp, where Jersey Joe was employed as a sparring partner for the famous Brown Bomber. "After Wolcott had worked out with the champ a few times," said Marsillo, "he was called aside and gently informed that his services were no longer required."

"With unconcealed amazement, Joe asked what was wrong—adding that he tried conscientiously to do what was required of him.

"Joe was told that that was the trouble—he was trying too doggone hard."

A family man—father of six children—Wolcott is more than ever determined to make good in the roped square. "It's no longer a case of satisfying my ego, or proving to the world that I'm a good fighter," explained Joe. "It's simply that I want to earn enough money to provide my children with the comforts of life—and college education."

That kind of a man deserves success.

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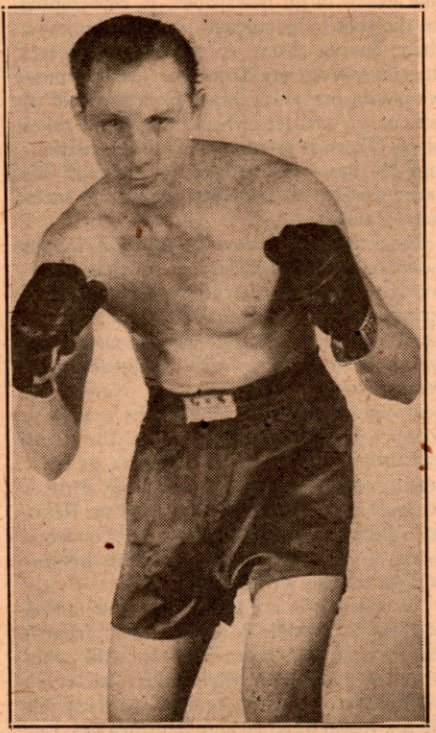
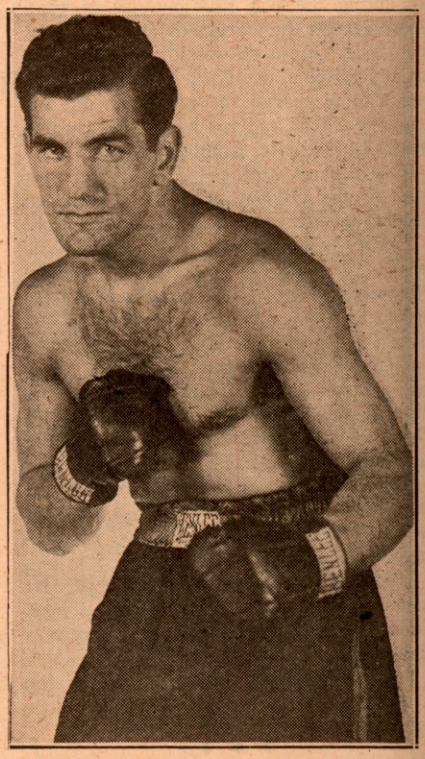
AL LABARBA

WHAT brought everyone at Madison Square Garden to his feet three months ago—and the fight crowd to the realization that Al LaBarba will stir up trouble in the welterweight ranks—was the clear-cut manner in which he sent rugged Freddie Addeo to the canvas several times and finally stopped him. Al was a revelation.

From 1939, when LaBarba turned pro, up to the time he enlisted in the Army, on December 31, 1941, he had participated in 54 contests, winning most of them—about 30 by knockouts and was halted twice. He flattened Tony Fernandez, Benny Cartegena, Maxie Rosen, Jackie Phillips, Terry Amico among others. He defeated Angelo Radano and boxed draws with Frankie Velez and Anton Pappas.



Charley Fusari, a welterweight who has made a hit in New Jersey.



Al LaBarba, a good New York welterweight.

Al's broad shoulders give him terrific hitting power. His stablemate is Rocky Graziano.

He was born in New York on January 30, 1920. Al quit in his second year in high school to work as a steamfitter—a job he held for two years during which he boxed as an amateur. "I lost only one out of 57 contests," explained Al, "and I scored a great number of knockouts. I believe steamfitting is responsible for my hitting power. It developed my arms. After I won the Metropolitan Lightweight Title in 1939, I lost interest in amateur competition. I turned pro under the management of Irving Cohen."

LaBarba spent 2½ years overseas. He did no boxing to speak of while in the service. After he had received an honorable discharge, in December, 1944, he began preparing in Stillman's gym for the continuation of his boxing career. He has done excellently thus far—having won seven fights in as many starts. His victims are: Jimmy Pierce, Leon Kennedy, Bobby Cummings (twice), Freddie Addeo (twice, once by kayo), Norval Gaddis.

LaBarba is, of course, far from being at his peak—due to the long lay-off from ring action he was forced to take in order to help defend our country, but once he gets in stride, and his "Sleep Tight" wallop starts working as he wants it—the welterweight division had better look out.

Aside from boxing, Al also holds down a position at the Electro-Lux Corp. as superviser. He intends making good at both jobs.

CHARLEY FUSARI

OVER in New Jersey, where he has been doing most of his fighting, Charley Fusari, 20-year-old 142-pounder, has been compared by old-timers to the former welterweight champion, Jimmy McLarnin. He has amassed an excellent record. He has had 28 professional fights without a single loss or draw decision.

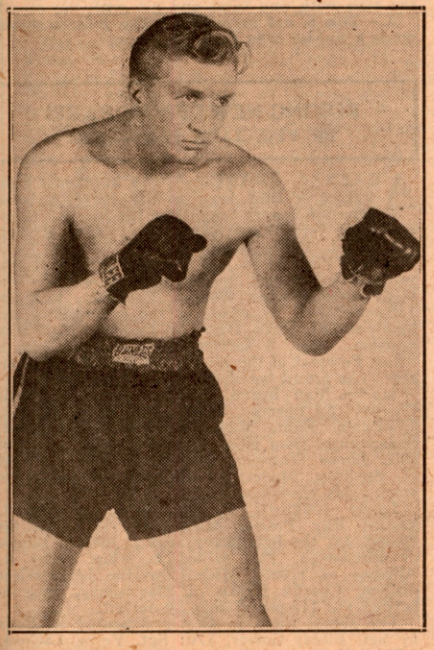
"Charley won twenty of them by knockouts," informs the likable old-time trainer, Dick O'Conner. "And the fighters Fusari decisioned are not ordinary ones. They are good scrappers. Among them are Jimmy Mills, who beat Joey LaMotta; Jackie Leamus—twice and Artie DePietro. In addition he knocked out Pat Scanlon, Tommy Mills, a rough and ready fighter; clever Eddie Sloan; rugged Julie Bort and experienced Joey Manfro and Al Freda.

He is a graduate of Cleveland Junior High School. Charley's introduction to the boxing sport came through his brother, Tommy, whom he accompanied on all of his fights. When the kid decided to become a boxer, and Tommy noted how ably he performed, he called it a day and let Charley carry on.

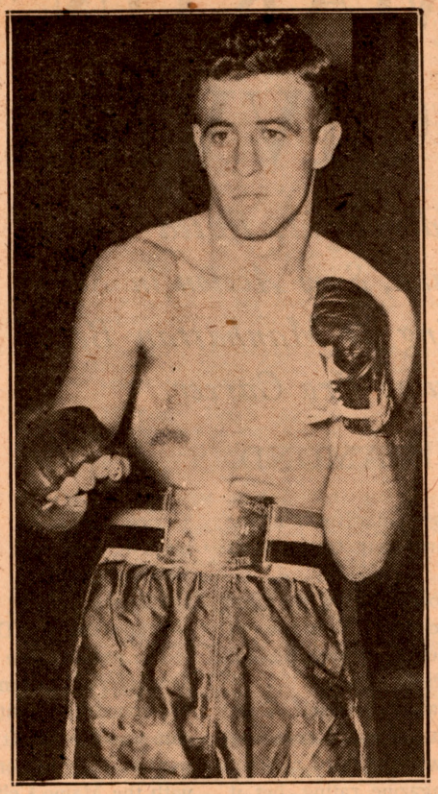
"I started boxing in the amateurs, of course," explained Charley Fusari. "At that time I was working for my father, helping him on his milk delivery route. I had two fights in one tournament, and two more in another. Later, in 1943, I won the New Jersey State lightweight title, also the Newark *Evening News* Golden Gloves tournament."

It was after that, that Fusari turned pro under the guidance of Vic Marsillo. Fusari is young and strong, lives a healthy life, can box with the ease and skill of a seasoned ringman and is amazingly calm under pressure. He has confidence and can take a solid wallop on the jaw without weakening and is a good puncher with either hand.

He boxed in Madison Square Garden early last year, when he defeated Artie DePietro. His latest kayo victims were Johnny Rinaldi and Al Freda.



Harry Berntsen, giant heavyweight with a good sock.



Al Velez, New York welter discharged from the Navy.

HARRY BERNTSEN

ONE evening, at the beginning of this year, a tall and good-looking young fight trainer named Rudy Zaro was trudging despondently along the slushy sidewalk, eyes downcast, his spirit all but gone. He was wondering, gloomily, why the heavyweight he was to handle in an amateur tournament in a few hours had done a fadeout and was nowhere to be found. Rudy was in an awkward position, it would be embarrassing to appear at the clubhouse minus a fighter. Where, he pondered, could he get a substitute?

Then Fate took a hand in the situation. Rudy accidentally came across a giant, a blond 200-pounder, over six feet tall.

"Hi," said Rudy, managing a smile. "Pretty nasty evening, isn't it?"

The fellow nodded and grinned. "You have said it, mister." He was a Scandinavian, and spoke very little English.

"How's about having a cup of Java?" suggested Rudy.

"Sure," said the big fellow.

Seated at the counter in a near-by lunchroom, sipping coffee, Rudy asked the fellow's name.

"Harry Berntsen," he replied—and carefully spelled out his name. "Too many time people mistake the name for 'Bernstein.' Ay am Norwegian."

"Have you ever thought about becoming a fighter? You're big and strong—"

"Strong, sure," nodded Berntsen. "Big, yes. Hokay, I try it."

Rudy Zaro did not appear at the boxing club minus a fighter that evening. The big Scandinavian hadn't the remotest idea about boxing, but he was game, could take a mean wallop—and knew enough to swing his mighty fists. He flattened his foe after taking a severe lambasting for two rounds.

That's how Nick Baffi, manager of Vinnie Rossano and Joe Governale—both recently honorably discharged from the service—came to acquire a heavyweight.

A month in a local Brooklyn gymnasium and the blond Viking was entered in a sub-novice Golden Gloves tournament. After scoring three knockouts, he lost in the finals to Roscoe Stout. Later, Harry won the AAU heavyweight title.

"I turned him pro last May," explained Baffi, "because Berntsen ran out of amateur competition. The war had reduced simon-pure boxing talent to almost nothing. More so in the heavyweight ranks."

Harry's three sensational knockouts at Fort Hamilton are still the topic of discussion around that sector. He carries a bombshell punch in either mitt and no matter how badly he's beaten, he fights.

He was born in Trondheim, Norway, on March 23, 1923. He spent three years at high school, then went to sea as a stowaway—at the age of fifteen. He followed the sea as a deckhand for three years and then joined the Norwegian Navy. After receiving an honorable discharge last August, Berntsen married his sweetheart, Lillian Hansen.

Aside from his boxing, at which he's anxious to make good, Harry is employed in the Norwegian Consulate. He was an amateur swimming champ and is expert on skis.

Lee Oma, with whom Berntsen often works out at Stillman's gym, says Harry picks up boxing points very fast and is sure to become a top-notch fighter.

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AL VELEZ

THERE are two trades which Al Velez is well able to follow—that of a Navy man, and boxing. A tall, handsome fellow, Al has served in the Navy several years.

Early in 1940, after he left high school, Velez entered an amateur boxing tournament under the guidance of Al Lang, Valley Stream gym operator and fight manager and, by the way, one of the very few trainers who actually put the gloves on with their charges. Velez won that bout and

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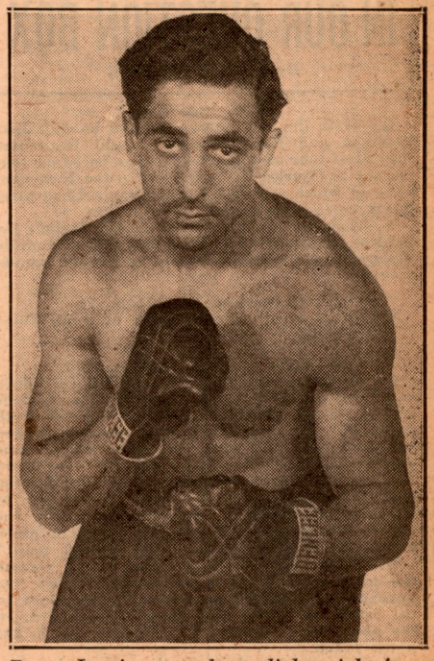
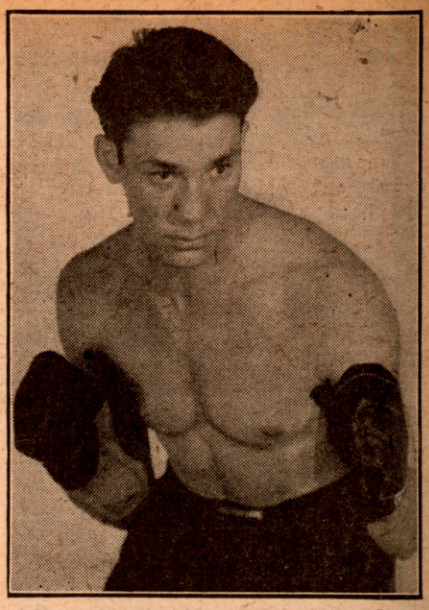


Rocco Lescio, a southpaw lightweight from New York.

TONY MARTIN BACK *in* CIVVIES

Milwaukee Italian Middleweight, Rated Fourth Before Joining Coast Guard, Saw Action in South Pacific and Taught Boxing at Manhattan Beach —Ready to Resume Pro Career

By FRANK DIAMOND



Tony Martin (Cianciola), Milwaukee middleweight.

HE helped train 42,000 Coast Guardsmen in the art of boxing during his three-year tenure with Uncle Sam.

So what did Tony (Cianciola) Martin do after he received his honorable discharge? You guessed it. He immediately went into training himself to resume his old campaign for a crack at the world middleweight crown.

It's a trifle different training others and training yourself, Tony has discovered. He tried going right into the gym and resuming where he left off three years ago when he was the third ranking world middleweight, according to RING Magazine rating, but it was no go. After wasting a week in the gym, Tony gave it up and went direct to the farm of Charlie Saunders, a former boxer, and friend of his managers, Ernie Fliegel and Max Winter.

For 30 straight days he pitched hay, dug potatoes and all the other work that a handy man does on the farm. He didn't lose any weight but he did build his muscles and body up to where he could stand the rigid training necessary to make good among the world's best middleweights.

Before he left for service Martin's managers had a $20,000 offer up for Tony Zale, world titleholder, to meet the Milwaukee Mauler with the title at stake. Fliegel says the offer is up again —just as soon as Zale is ready to defend his crown.

Martin's tough break came in his first bout with Zale when he was ahead on points only to have the bout stopped when he suffered a bad cut over his eye. In his last fight before entering service in Minneapolis, Martin, who now is only twenty-six years old, knocked out Dick Demaray of Bismarck, N. D.

The performance in Milwaukee, which marked his last before donning the uniform, was his greatest. In that bout he scored a two-round knockout over Coley Welch of Portland, Maine. The gate was $16,000. It was their second bout, the first of which also went to Tony but only by a scant margin. The return engagement with the Maine Celt found Tony geared at top speed. He floored Welch, a high-ranking middleweight, twice before Barney Ross, the referee, stopped the affair.

Martin helped Jack Dempsey train coast guardsmen at Manhattan Beach, Boston and San Francisco before getting sea duty on the S.S. *Cavalier*. The ship saw action during most of the South Pacific war and didn't get a scratch.

Then talk about luck! As soon as Martin was transferred back to the states, he received word from a buddy that the *Cavalier* caught a fish (torpedo to you) in the bow. By the time this issue of RING Magazine goes to press, Martin will be ready for action again and from the number of offers he has received he will soon be in the boxing limelight again.

At 26 Martin has had 62 fights and boasts 23 knockouts. Before turning professional Tony was a Milwaukee Golden Glove champion.

IN OUR QUESTION BOX

By NAT FLEISCHER

H. M., New York

Q.—With the last bout in Detroit, haven't Jake LaMotta and Ray Robinson fought five times instead of four as would be the case based on your answer to Charles P. De Shields in the November issue in which you stated that they had had three fights up to press time?

A.—You are correct. I had failed to include the fight of October 2, 1942, their first tilt in Madison Square Garden which Robinson won in ten rounds. Sorry.

Harvey Stephano, New Orleans, La.

Q.—What is the family name of Tony Zale?

A.—Zaleski.

Col. Ralph Ball, San Francisco, Calif.

Q.—In the recent fight between Phil Terranova and Leon Spencer, which I saw from a ringside seat in Detroit, the bell had sounded for the ninth round but the chief handler of Spencer stepped before his man and wouldn't permit him to come out, saying he was too badly hurt by three blows landed on him after the bell had sounded for the end of the eighth round. What I would like to know is whether this procedure calls for the knockout to be recorded as in the eighth or ninth round. What is the general rule on this point?

A.—If the fighter cannot come out to resume the bout after the bell has sounded, then the knockout is recorded as having taken place in the round for which that gong had sounded. In the above case, Spencer was knocked out in the ninth round.

If Spencer's handlers, or the commission doctor, had announced the termination of the bout in between rounds, then, according to the rule in most states, the knockout would have been recorded as coming in the eighth round. In short, if a bout is halted between rounds, the K.O. goes to the round just ended; if after the bell has sounded, then it goes to the round about to begin.

Sam Deluise, Gary, Ind.

Q.—Did Al Hostak fight on the same card with Tony Zale when Zale defended his title against Steve Mamakos? Did Hostak also fight Nate Bolden at any time? Who was Hostak's opponent on the Zale-Mamakos card?

A.—Yes, Zale knocked out Mamakos in the 14th round and Hostak knocked out George Burnette in the first. We have no record of a fight with Bolden.

Arthur Hauser, Leyte, Philippines

Q.—Do you think that Tony Zale and Jake LaMotta will meet for the middleweight title? If so, who do you think would win?

A.—I doubt it. I believe that Ray Robinson will get the chance if Freddie Cochrane refuses to meet him for the welterweight crown. If Freddie agrees to such a match, then Jake will get the chance to fight Zale and if he wins, a LaMotta-Robinson bout will be staged, as both he and Ray are excellent gate attractions. Should LaMotta meet Zale I think Jake will win because he has been very active while Tony has been in the Navy for three years and undoubtedly has lost much of his fighting qualities.

Martin Franklin, Fort Jackson

Q.—When a fighter is holding on to the ropes and is helpless, may his opponent continue to hit him?

A.—Yes, if the referee doesn't intervene, as he should under such conditions and start a count over the helpless fellow. A man is considered down under such circumstances. Arthur Donovan started to count over Max Schmeling when the German was helpless and holding on to the ropes in the first round of his return bout with Joe Louis.

A "Ring" Reader

Q.—Is it a good policy for a fighter to hold the rope with one hand and hit with the other?

A.—This is not permissible. The referee should warn a fighter who holds the rope.

BOXING NEWS FROM PARIS

By PFC. JACK SCHWARTZ

AUXERRE, FRANCE—Three knockouts highlighted a card here as the 101st Airborne Division boxers fought for the division championships before 200 skyfighters. Billy Russell, Hollywood, Calif., scored a T.K.O. over Louis Palermo, Philadelphia, to take the 126-pound title when Palermo was unable to come out for the third round. James Enopia, Honolulu, took the 135-pound title by upsetting the experienced and highly-touted Steve Ozga of Passaic, N. J., by decision. Ozga, a former pro star, was once a "Best Prospect of the Month" in THE RING Magazine. The crowd booed the decision loudly.

Martin Van Buren, Seattle, out-boxed "Little Galento" Ed Borrego, Denver, for the 147-lb. title. L. Pillen, Flint, Mich., battered Billy Bitnoff, Sacramento, from pillar to post for the 155-pound title. James Wagoner, 165, Paris, Tenn., floored H. Stedman, Modesto, Calif., three times before scoring his one-round kayo.

Lanky southpaw B. Moncilovic of Detroit, kayoed Ray Posler, Milwaukee, Wis., in the second, for the light-heavy crown. Johnny Joroisk of Pittsburgh, Pa., rallied to whip clever A. Albaites of Iroms, Mich., for the heavyweight diadem. Charlie Hearn of Harrisburg, Pa., inherited the 118-pound title by forfeit.

The signal corps is ably represented in Paris by Sgt. Buddy Gomer, 170; Sgt. Verne LaCross, 160; Cpl. Herbert Tootle, 180; Cpl. Luther Warner, 140; Sgt. Felipe Ramirez, 170; and Pfc. Harry Fleming, 135.

KANSAS CITY AND VICINITY
By JUANITA YEARGAIN

MAJOR JONES, brilliant and highly-touted Kansas City mitt-artist, a former National Golden Gloves and AAU champion, gained an undisputed decision over Willie Russell, the "Buckeye Buzz Bomb" of Columbus, Ohio, in their eight-round "rubber" meeting at Municipal Auditorium on September 28.

In two previous fights Russell had connected for a kayo at Minneapolis in April to win in five rounds, and Jones had gained the unofficial verdict after six sizzling sessions at Memorial Hall, Kansas City, Kansas, on July 17.

In their third meeting not one of the rounds went to the more experienced Columbus scrapper, although several were very close. The last three stanzas saw Jones handling his opponent with comparative ease.

The Ohioan is a durable ringman, a difficult, constantly moving target, and knows many tricks, but not once in this fight was he in front of Jones in any exchange either at long range or at infighting.

The other results were: Howard Jackson, 123, Kansas City, won from Nick Saunders, 117½, St. Louis, technical knockout in three.

Frank Rivera, 117½, Kansas City, won from Todd Dowdy, 123, Columbus, by kayo in round two.

Vert Gibson, 147, Kansas City, outpointed Howard Boyd, 147½, St. Louis.

Merrill Campbell, 162, Kansas City, won from John Riley, 162½, Oklahoma City, by a technical kayo in two.

Charley Dent, 134½, Kansas City, outpointed Iggy Page, St. Louis.

Delayed—Results of Promoter Tom McHugh's August 14th boxing show at Memorial Hall, Kansas City, Kansas, follow:

Major Jones, 138½, Kansas City, defeated Ben Evans, 146, Oklahoma City, six rounds.

Ray Spurlock, 159, Kansas City, kayoed Elmer Allen Carson, 157, Emporia, round five.

Vert Gibson, 143, Kansas City, and Eddie Weller, 142, Oklahoma City, drew in six rounds.

Frankie Rivera, 115, Kansas City, defeated Nick Saunders, 118, St. Louis, six rounds.

Howard Jackson, 119, Kansas City, outpointed Oliver, 122, St. Louis, four rounds.

Al Brechiesen, 185, Hugoton, Kansas, fighter, trained by Max Yeargain, Midwest boxing promoter now stationed at the U. S. Naval Air Station, Seattle, won the 13th Naval District heavyweight championship, kayoing Gene Spotts, 215, titleholder from Minneapolis, Minn., in 40 seconds of the second round with a terrific left hook and right cross. It was Spotts' first defeat in 68 starts. The young Kansan will enter the University of Kansas at Lawrence as soon as his release from the Navy is effective, and will fight for Yeargain Ring Enterprises.

Opportunities for ring training are now available in all sections of Greater Kansas City. The American Youth Clubs here, sponsored by the recreation division of the city welfare department, are fully equipped and manned by competent coaches and are open daily after 5 o'clock. They are Northeast, North Side (coached by Charley Meyers), West Side, Gateway, Garrison clubs. Vern Gregory has taken over coaching duties at the Whatsoever Boy's Club, Twelfth and Ewing, where training hours also are from 5 to 9 o'clock daily.

Kansas City, Kansas, will be prominently represented this season as similar clubs are being organized by Ed Ash, recreation director. Johnny Maloney will be in charge of training activity at the Argentine Parish House and Jack Shannon, former Kansas City, Kansas, lightweight champion, is to instruct the Wyandotte Youth Club. Another center also will be established in Kansas City, Kansas, it is announced.

A strong group to be represented will be the Richmond, Mo., Youth Club, where Joe Sandel has developed outstanding young stars, including Easter Elliott, welterweight, Paul Jacobs, lightweight, Roland Sublette, flyweight, and others.

The Kansas City Annual Golden Gloves Tournament has been set for Feb. 11, 12, 13 and 16. Other towns staging Golden Gloves contests in this area are Topeka, Wichita, St. Joseph and Hutchinson.

Duane "Buzz Saw" Hoag, the ex-Navy fighter from Wichita, has chalked up a number of whirlwind victories in the Pacific Northwest recently. Included among his victims have been Johnny Archer at Portland and Benny Jerome at Spokane.

In the past, some of the Midwest's best Golden Gloves fighters have come from Hutchinson, Kansas, and from recent results, the team being developed by Orval McCain, shows promise of affording some of the toughest competition in the district for this year's tournaments.

Promoter McCain's show in Hutchinson on October fourth, drew a large crowd which witnessed the well-trained local squad taking honors from a Wichita team managed by Homer Mosely and Sutro Pearl.

The results: Claude Sullard, 147, Wichita, kayoed Shorty Johnson, 147, Hutchinson, round two. Ralph Phoenix, 154, Hutchinson, decisioned Billy Day, 153, Wichita. Kenneth Bernard, 145, Hutchinson, decisioned Lorice Killpatrick, 143, Wichita. Bobby Jenkins, 181, Hutchinson, kayoed Roscoe Sweeney, 190, Hutchinson NAS, round two. Wayne McFarland, 108, Wichita, decisioned Loris Crow, 107, Hutchinson. Joe Kennedy, 135, Hutchinson, decisioned Bud Love, 133, Wichita. Gerald Woodson, 118, Hutchinson, decisioned Archie Sullard, 117, Wichita. Jesse Moore, 147, Hutchinson, decisioned Gene Frisbie, 145, Wichita. Howard Stevens, 135, Hutchinson, decisioned Bobby Killpatrick, 135, Wichita. Fred Thompson, 147, Wichita, decisioned Floyd Bennett, 148, Hutchinson NAS.

Received a letter from Ernie De France, S 1/c, talented Wichita fighter, who requested extra copies of THE RING Magazine for fellow service men stationed with him in the South Pacific. Ernie is a fighter you never forget.

Karl Applegate, experienced boxing and wrestling promoter at Joplin, Mo., is preparing his Golden Gloves team for heavy duty this season.

Sgt. Bill Cocky, former boxing coach at Fort Riley, now stationed at Fort Benning, Ga., writes that he plans to organize a stable of boxers in the South when he is discharged from the Army.

Probably the best amateur fight team ever developed in Topeka is now being trained under Yeargain Ring Enterprises in preparation for strenuous Golden Gloves competition here in January. Star-studded with a constantly growing group of returning service men, the team will engage in a number of inter-city bouts in the Midwest previous to the big tournament.

Fighters and managers interested in securing fights in this section may write or wire this organization at: 710 Monroe, Topeka, Kansas.

Your letters and boxing news are always appreciated. Juanita Yeargain, 710 Monroe, Topeka, Kansas.

CONNECTICUT RING NEWS
By JACK KANE

HARTFORD AUDITORIUM — The long awaited bout between Nick Stato and the Bronx boy wonder, Dennis "Pat" Brady, has been decided with a draw the verdict. The decision started a storm of controversy from the followers of the principals. Stato at 130½ and Brady at 129½ fought through six fairly close rounds and the edge in these rounds belonged to Brady though his margin was small. He outboxed Stato. He outfought Stato at the old Stato forte, on the inside.

The seventh round found Stato putting on a spurt that won him that session. His margin, however, was not as great as the Stato followers figured it to be. The eighth and final round was waged on even terms and the draw decision was not too bad according to my figures.

The fight pointed out the fact that Brady is still a bit too young to box any better opponents than he has been fighting. It also added to the prestige of Bobby Polowitzer on the strength of his showing against the same Stato.

The undercard, all sixes, was not too strong. Luc Lima, 138, Fall River, Mass., won by a T.K.O. in the fourth round over Winny Winslow, 139, New York. Eddie Raymond, 132, Long Island City, won by a K.O. over Eddie Smith, 137, New York, in round three. Pat O'Hara, 149, Bronx, won by a K.O. in three rounds over Al Silverman, 146, Westchester. Mike Connors, 137, New York, won by a T.K.O. over Eli Smiley, 138, Jersey City, in round three as Smiley obviously quit and his money was held up pending a hearing by the commissioner. In the fifth six-round bout, Jack Moriarity, 125, Waterbury, won over Johnny Dell, 125½, New Haven. It was the only preliminary which went the distance. The show drew the very good attendance of 4,265 people and a gate of $7068.80 gross. It was the best gate of the season and such support warrants a little better talent for the customers.

At Hartford Auditorium—George "Red" Doty, Hartford, 153½, fought another of his numerous bad fights in losing a ten-round decision to Sidney Miller, Detroit, 158½. It was the rubber match, each having one victory in previous meetings. Doty started out as if he meant business by flooring Miller in the first round with a good right hand to the chin, but from there in to the finish, he was roundly outboxed and outfought by Miller, who used an effective jab and hook to bewilder the redhead and stymie his vaunted right hand.

Jimmy Anest, 138, New York, won by a knockout in the fourth round over the much outclassed Gene Ouimet, 142, Montreal. Anest was too experienced and too strong for Ouimet, who appears to be a novice and better suited for four than eight-round semi-final bouts.

Tony Vero, 147, Stamford, won by a clean K.O. in the second round of a scheduled six from a New London sailor boy, Tommy Harmon, 146. Vero, recently discharged from the Marines, is a good looking prospect and a very good puncher with either hand. Joey Polowitzer, 138, East Hartford, boxed to a six-round draw with Jimmy Attella, 141, New York. Polowitzer, a recently discharged veteran, seemed to lack the punching power which carried him to many wins in pre-war days. The opening six-round bout was an earnestly waged contest between two big but harmless Negro boys. Jimmy White, 178, New York, was the winner by a decision over Earl Eppinger, 185, New York. The bouts drew a gross gate of $1549.50 and 940 people in attendance, not quite in the class with last week's gate of better than $7,000.

Hartford Auditorium—Dennis "Pat" Brady, 129, Bronx, outfought Nick Stato, 131, Springfield, to erase the only blot on his record, which shows fifteen K.O. wins, two decision victories and one draw, for eighteen professional fights. The draw came in his first meeting with Stato.

The bout was a rugged and closely fought battle. Both showed that they would not be satisfied with a draw as in their previous meeting, though the fight was still so close that a decisive last round rally might have turned the decision.

The boys went out to shoot the works in the last round and Stato seemed on his way as he got off to an early lead but then the Irish Terrier went to work and gave a demonstration of rapid fire punching which nearly finished the game Stato.

The balance of the card was very good though it seemed that Bobby Polowitzer was fed a soft touch in Milton Abrahams whom he K.O.'ed in 2:38 of the first round. The winner scaled 128 to 124 for Milton.

Joe Polowitzer, 135, East Hartford, was awarded a decision in six rounds over Eddie Raymond, 130, Bronx, but it seemed that Raymond was the one who should have received the decision. Don Anderson, 155, Bronx, was a K.O. winner over Jack Thomas, 160, Port Chester, in round three of a slugging match scheduled for six rounds. Jimmy Rodgers, 141, Bridgeport, outpointed Lee Abrams, 138, Hartford, in six rounds of a hard fought bout. The opening bout also six rounds was a draw between Fred Balesano, 141, Hartford, and Al Silverman, 143, New York, and was a rousing slugfest all the way. A crowd of 2,969 people paid in a gross gate of $4896.95 to witness the last outdoor show.

Hartford Auditorium—Tony Falco, 148, Middletown, was handed the second defeat in his pro career of forty bouts, when Referee Frank Portelle saw him as the loser in his ten-round bout against Bobby Berger, 152, veteran, who is now boxing out of New York. Portelle's decision was a little weird as was his round score. He had Berger winning three rounds, which was about correct, but he figured Falco as winner of but two rounds and called the remaining five even and among his even rounds was one which was definitely in Berger's column due to a low punch by Falco. It looked as if Falco had an edge in six of the rounds. He was done an injustice by losing the verdict.

Falco has made some good fights in this section, but no one will miss the poor type of fight he fought against Berger.

The undercard was a fair one. Don Anderson, 152, Bronx, won by a K.O. in 1:22 of the second round over Calvin Bruce, 156, Bridgeport. Bruce made several trips to the canvas before being put away with a hard right hand to the point of the chin. Joe Polowitzer, 139, East Hartford, came back to win a six-round decision over Joe Rodgers, 139, Bridgeport, and looked much improved over his last week's showing. Both of the above boys are recently discharged veterans. Frankie Foley, 144, New Haven, another veteran of the famous 43rd Division and over four years' service, won a six-round decision over young Al Silverman, 142, Bronx, and only his superior experience carried him through the last three rounds after punching himself out in an early attempt to score a K.O.

Jim White, 175, Jersey City, decisioned Earl Ettinger, 186, New York, in another six-round bout. Bobby Holt won a decision in the opening bout over Joe DeMario. Holt weighed 145 and DeMario, 141. These boys are also veterans of long service and were recently discharged. Holt is from Danbury and DeMario from Waterbury. The crowd of 1299 paid attendance showed a gross gate of $2,016.75.

The new Deputy Commissioner of the State Athletic Commission made his first official visit to Hartford. He is John Kapteina of Norwich, who boxed both as an amateur and professional several years back and comes to the job with a background which should fit him for an A-1 job in his new capacity.

The other big news was the announcement of the discharge of the featherweight champion of the world, Willie Pep, from the U. S. Army. He will take a short rest and then go back to the wars of the ring, after service in both the Navy and Army during World War II.

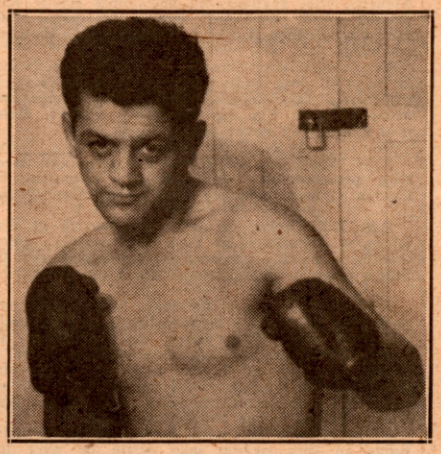
Connecticut will be the scene of much activity for the members of the boxing game during the winter season. Any fighters without contracts or agreements with managers can do well in this section, if they will contact the writer Jack Kane, c/o the Middletown *Press* Sports Dept. I am interested in either amateurs or professional boxers and can assure them plenty of work and fair treatment.

BUY VICTORY BONDS

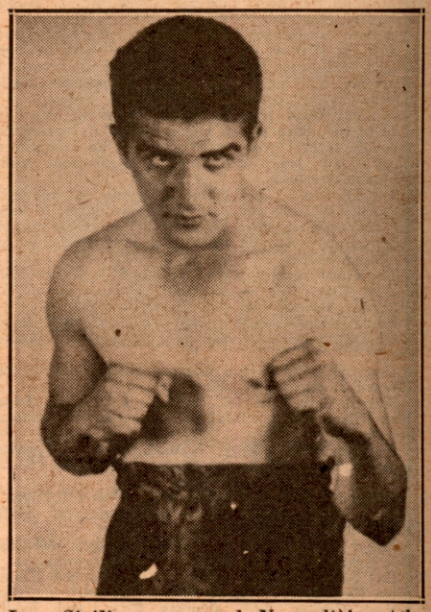
The Ring's Honor Roll

By CPL. JIMMY HEARNS

Jack Sentler, who served with the First American Army.



Charlie "Blackie" Spina, recently discharged from the Coast Guard.



Lou Siciliano, a good Navy lightweight, who is on the Pacific Coast.

BOXING is due for its greatest revival since the million dollar gates hit the headlines. The discharge from the armed forces of Joe Louis, world heavyweight king; Gus Lesnevich, light-heavyweight champion; Tony Zale, middleweight title holder; Freddie Cochrane, welter champ; Willie Pep, the leader among the featherweights, and Manuel Ortiz, the top man in the bantam division, indicates activity among the top-flight men of boxing such as the sport hasn't experienced in many years.

With these world leaders free to carry on again as civilians, and Billy Conn, outstanding contender for Louis' crown, preparing for a tune-up for his championship engagement with the Brown Bomber next June, things are going to hum in boxing.

In addition, a horde of the world's outstanding men in every division have already been discharged or are about to get their honorable release from Uncle Sam, thus returning to the field of pugilism the cream of the talent that went to war. Boxing is in for its biggest boom since shortly after World War I when the million dollar gates came into being.

Augmented by a flock of boxers who learned the sport in the services, there will now be available sufficient topflight talent to enable the promoters in every part of the country to carry on as in pre-war days.

Boxing is in for its biggest boom in the history of the sport. Make no mistake about that.

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SGT. NICHOLAS FRANK GEROLAMO, better known in boxing circles as Nicky (Machinegun) Jerome, is now throwing his punches in the spacious recreation center at Edgewood Arsenal, Md., where he serves as head boxing coach. The stocky, Brooklyn-born pugilist, who holds victories over many outstanding boxers, among them Lou Salica, who fought a draw with Kid Chocolate, was one of the New York district's top-ranked featherweights before entering the Army in January, 1942. Now, as a sergeant in the Chemical Warfare Service, he keeps in condition by training GI boxers and assisting with the Arsenal's physical training program.

Before taking over his job with the Special Service Office, Gerolamo served with Edgewood Arsenal's Guard and Security Unit. His duties included an eight-months' overseas assignment helping escort a cargo of war gases to Allied Pacific bases.

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MARINE PFC. ROBERT E. CLARK has been appointed a coach of the Third Marine Division boxing team now being formed. Sgt. Wayne F. Young, a Marine Corps combat correspondent, in a message to THE RING, writes the following on Clark:

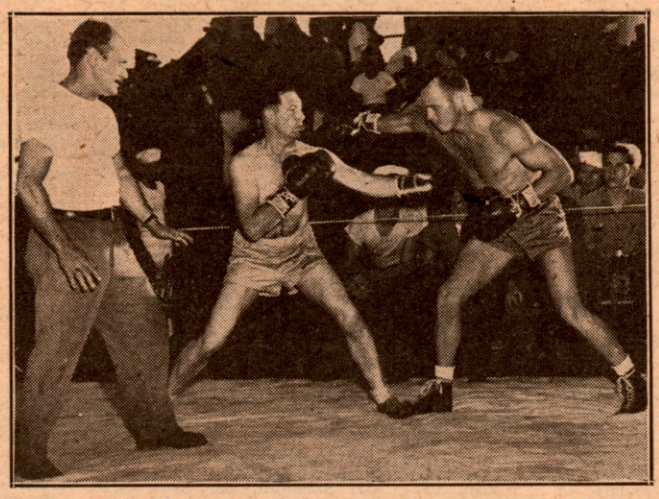
"Clark, a veteran of Iwo Jima and Guam, won the heavyweight championship of the division in a boxing tournament prior to the Iwo campaign.

"The Marine won the South Atlantic States heavyweight title at Baltimore City Stadium in 1943 and the Maryland A.A.U. light-heavy crown at Carlin's Park, Baltimore, in 1935.

"Soccer was Clark's chief sport prior to entering the military service in August, 1943. He played right halfback with the Baltimore Soccer Club in the American Soccer League in 1941-42.

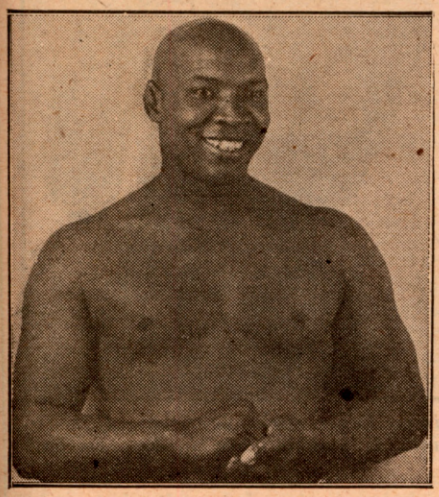
"He also played with the Sixth District Democratic Club soccer team. Competing in the Greater Baltimore Soccer League and Baltimore Major League, this team lost but three games in five years.

"Clark has been overseas 17

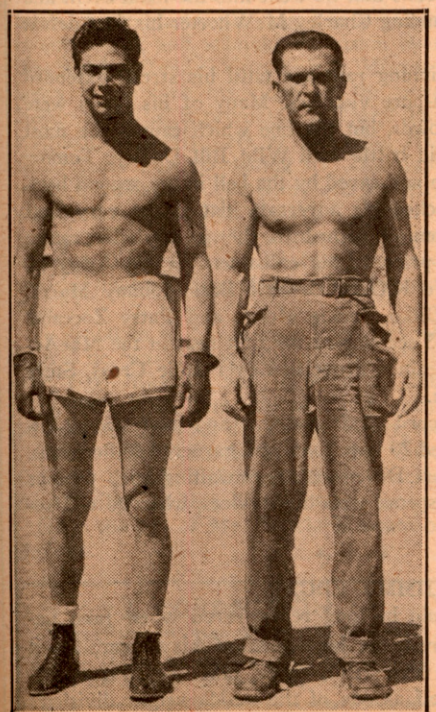


Coast Guardsman and Marine swap blows at sea aboard a troop transport. Boxing is the most popular entertainment on the ships that are bringing our boys home from the war. In the above, Coast Guardsman Frankie Hammer, well-known Pacific Coast heavyweight in pre-war days, throws a right in the direction of Marine Pvt. Frank Todd of McKeesport, Pa., while Sgt. Mike Winowitch referees. Hammer hails from San Francisco.

The Edgewood Arsenal boxing team, coached by Nicky Jerome. Left to right — bottom row — Pfc. Alfred Turner, Salem, N. J., 160; Pfc. Joseph C. Ness, Jersey City, 130; Pfc. Walter Bettis, Pennsylvania, 130; Cpl. Sylvester J. Bennett, Plants City, Fla., 126. Top row—Sgt. John H. Dasher, New York City, 185; Pfc. John Hawkins, Detroit, 147; Sgt. Nicky Jerome; Cpl. George W. Wilkins, Washington, D. C., 175; and Pfc. Billy Arnett, Hope, Arkansas, 128.



Don Blackman, Pennsylvania wrestler, discharged from Fort Dix.



George Stangelo and Eddie Flores, who have returned from Iran. Flores was a coach.

months with the Third Joint Assault Signal Company. Serving as spotters for naval gun fire in the Guam campaign, his company suffered about 35 per cent casualties.

"On the front lines 16 days at Guam, Clark landed there with an infantry company of the Third Regiment that was nearly wiped out in the first 48 hours of action.

"Clark was employed by the Bendix Radio Corporation prior to enlisting."

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Short sketches of men in the service follow:

JACK SENTLER

AMONG the boxers who served with the American First Army was a Jacksonville, Fla., boy, Jack Sentler. Jack is well-remembered back home as one of the finest all-round athletes Jacksonville has had. Jaxons know him best for the slam-bang glove wielding this crack amateur boxer gave them some years back. He captured numerous titles before retiring from the simon pures.

The Jacksonville soldier was a member of the First Army's Fourth Infantry Division. He was in Scotland, England, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Ardennes and Germany. An injury to his leg prevented his further duty, and Sentler was given an honorable medical discharge.

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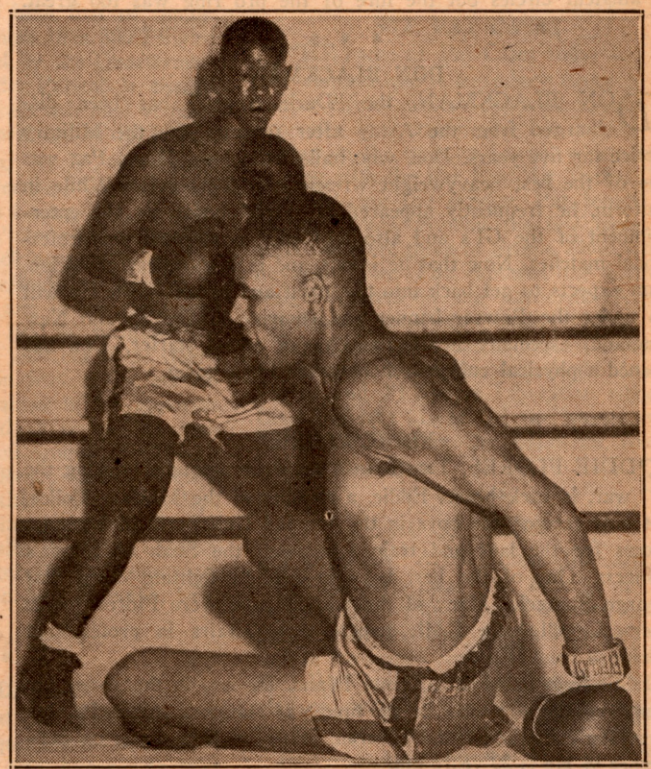
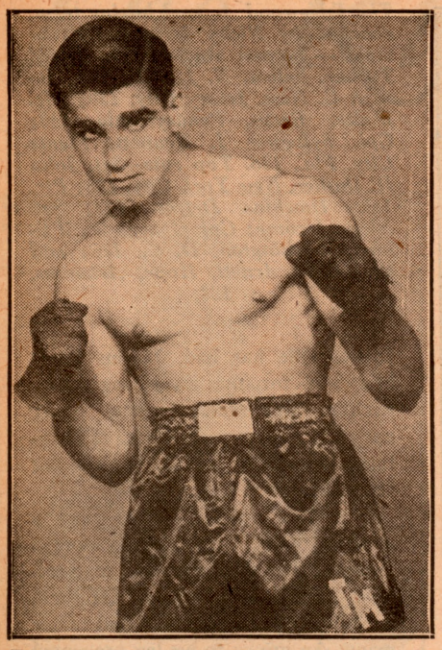
LOU SICILIANO

THE Navy has a good lightweight in Lou Siciliano, who is out in Berkeley, Calif., awaiting shipment across the Pacific. Lou, who hails from Philadelphia, has put on several fine shows for the boys on the LST where he is stationed.

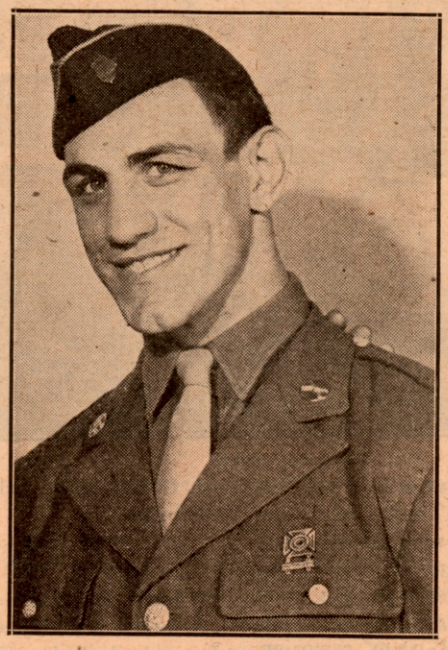
Lou got his boot training at Sampson, N. Y., and there he carried off the honors in each of the contests in which he took part. In California he has engaged to date in four bouts. He



Vasco Williams, 168-pound Navy recruit from Newark, N. J., is sitting this one out but he got off the canvas and outpointed Freddie Dixon, 167, New Orleans, La., in a feature bout of an outdoor boxing show held at this Naval Training Center. The fight programs, held weekly in the huge Amphitheatre before gatherings of 10,000 sailors, are one of the most popular presentations of the Welfare and Recreation Division.



Tommy Marra, Fort Devens lightweight, who looms as a fine post-war prospect.



Sgt. Joe Muscato of Buffalo, who has been decorated with the Purple Heart.

CHARLIE "BLACKIE" SPINA

CHARLIE "BLACKIE" SPINA, who until recently was in the Coast Guard, from which he was discharged, is going back into professional fighting. "Blackie," while a Guardsman, competed in Boston, Brooklyn, Portland, Me., and San Francisco, and feels that he is ready to tackle the good talent in his division.

Charlie lives in Hoboken. He got his early boxing workouts in amateur circles but the lure of the pro ring was too great.

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DON BLACKMAN

DON BLACKMAN, the "Dark Angel," has been discharged from the Army after serving with the Military Police for five years. Don, who hails from New Hope, Pa., was one of the best heavyweight wrestlers in the service. While in uniform, he frequently appeared in special bouts for the entertainment of the GI's and also took part occasionally in professional matches. Now that he is out, and is in excellent condition, Don expects to get back into the grunt and groan sport. He will go under the Bowser banner and compete in and around New England, especially in Boston. As an added starter, Don has opened a physical culture school in his home town.

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EDDIE FLORES

EDDIE FLORES, THE RING's Iran correspondent during the war, is back home. Eddie, a member of the Military Police, not only trained the boys in the Persian Gulf outfit, but put on shows for the lads and trained some of the Shah of Persia's subjects. One of the best boys in Eddie's fighting outfit was George Stangelo. Many of the battlers who were Flores' pupils overseas will have Eddie handle their affairs in professional boxing.

Eddie lives in Jamaica, Long Island. He was in the Army for many months and most of the time was stationed in the Persian area. He embarked from Teheran, Iran, for New York on September 9. He is 39 years old.

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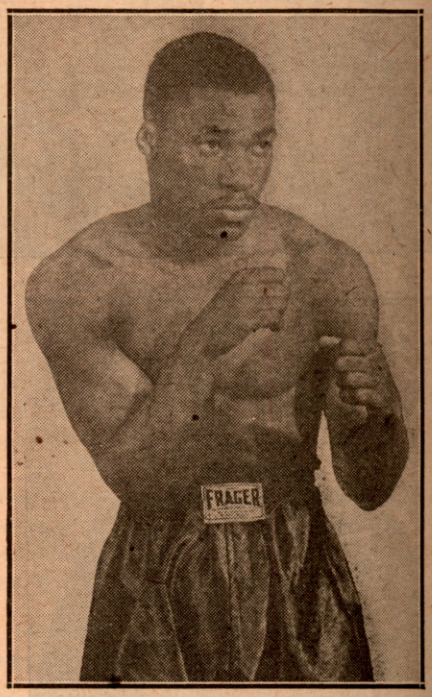
TOMMY MARRA

ABOUT a year and a half ago, a young boy of 16 was playing basketball at the White Plains (N. Y.) Y.M.C.A. The thing farthest from his mind was boxing. After concluding the game he wandered down to the special exercise room, where Al Bachman, the "Y" boxing instructor, was putting some of his boys through their paces. The way in which the young spectator looked with such interest and awe aroused the curiosity of the teacher. Bachman, whose father Frank managed Maxie Rosenbloom and Lew Jenkins, then went over to the youngster and asked him if he would like to try his hand at the game, and received a reply in the affirmative. The pupil's name was Anthony Marra, a southpaw. His quiet, well-mannered ways made Bachman take an unusual interest in the lad. He changed the name Anthony to Tommy, and converted him from a southpaw to an orthodox fighter.



Jimmy Edgar, stationed at Camp Hill, Virginia, is making good in his comeback as a pro.

At the end of an intense training grind he took Tommy to the Jamaica Arena, the outstanding amateur boxing club in the Metropolitan area. There Tommy won his first bout. Then he captured seven more. In his ninth bout, he had so won the fancy of the fans that he went into the main event and caused a sensation by handing Charley McWhorter his first defeat via the K.O. route.

Tommy went on a winning rampage until his streak extended to 26 consecutive simon-pure victories. Many of his bouts were witnessed by S.R.O. crowds, but the one which caused the most excitement was his torrid battle with Wild Bill Dooley. Tommy was knocked down twice and saved by the bell in the second heat, but came back and knocked his adversary flat in the very next round. Then young Tommy turned to the professional ranks, where in nine contests prior to his enlistment in the Army he remained undefeated. He K.O.'ed Georgie Bass, Johnny Marra, Buddy Jackson, Steve Bilko, Jackie Moore and Patsy Zoccano. He put Patsy away in 45 seconds of the first heat at the MacArthur Stadium. He also gained a decision over Julie Cross, Steve Bilko and Charley Atteli.

In Marra's overall record of 35 amateur and professional encounters, he has registered 20 knockouts and garnered 15 decisions.

Tommy is now at Fort Devens, Mass., awaiting such time as Uncle Sam sees fit to dispense with his services, when he will resume his pro career.

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JIMMY EDGAR

JIMMY EDGAR should be long remembered when Jake LaMotta thinks back over the highlights of his career, for it was Jimmy's opposition that really gave Jake the first opportunity to establish himself as one of the middleweight division's

most pleasing performers as early as 1942. It was their sensational scrap in the Garden—called by the sports writers' poll the best of that year—which gained LaMotta recognition in his home city, and it was their hectic encore at Detroit on New Year's Day, 1943, that introduced Jake to Motor City fans, who took him to their bosoms.

Edgar went in the armed services immediately after that fight, while Jake went on to take more than $60,000 out of Detroit before the end of the year.

Edgar, a hard-punching combination of boxer-fighter, is now on the way to completing three years in the service of his country, during which time he toured with the Joe Louis boxing troupe which staged exhibitions in more than 100 camps in this country and appeared in five countries and two islands in and around the European Theatre of Operations.

Sgt. Jimmy's duties on these tours consisted of daily boxing stunts with Ray (Sugar) Robinson, California Jackie Wilson or the most likely local boy available. Hardly a snap, one would say!

Edgar, now stationed at Camp Hill in Newport News, Va., has reentered the middleweight picture and since June 15, the date of his first bout since the LaMotta fight of 1943, the Detroit dynamiter has disposed of Joe Sutka and Joe Reddick via the kayo route and licked Sampson Powell by decision in ten rounds.

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SGT. JOE MUSCATO

ON Iwo Jima, a few days before the victory news flashed across the world, Buffalo's 24-year-old battling heavyweight, Joe Muscato, decorated with the Purple Heart and a campaign star, was promoted from corporal to sergeant. Sgt. Muscato, who is an outstanding pro heavyweight, is serving in an intelligence and reconnaissance platoon in the 147th Infantry Regiment on Iwo Jima, the closest ground troops to Tokyo at the time of Japan's capitulation.

Despite the rigors of combat, Muscato found time to organize and train a regimental boxing team that scored four victories in five starts. Kayoing Leo Franklin in one round, and winning a decision over the talented Teddy Yarosz, Sgt. Muscato hopes to continue his climb up the fistic ladder when he is promoted to "Mr." His regiment, formerly part of the Ohio National Guard, in accounting for 2506 Japs in its mopping up operations, was recently commended by Lt. Gen. Robert C. Richardson, Jr., "for decisively destroying the remaining Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, and for the final security of this vital advance base."

A graduate of St. Mary's High School, where he was a football and basketball star, Sgt. Muscato was inducted in January, 1943. With 19 months of Pacific duty, he has been awarded the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantryman's badge, the Good Conduct medal and the Asiatic Pacific theater ribbon with a bronze battle star.

He is the son of Mr. Angelo Muscato of Buffalo.

A CORRECTION

The photo on page 18 in the November issue of THE RING, listed as Peter Jackson, is that of Joe Wolcott, instead. Through an error, the wrong cut was used.

DOMENICK "MIMMIE" ADRAGNA

MARINE CPL. DOMENICK A. ADRAGNA of Carnegie, Pa., is the featherweight boxing champion of the Third Marine Division. As a civilian, fighting under the name of "Mimmie" Adragna, he won 12 of 14 professional fights. Before turning professional, "Mimmie" won the Golden Gloves championship in Wheeling, W. Va., in 1939, and the junior national championship in Philadelphia the same year.

In Pittsburgh, Pa., he won the A.A.U. junior and senior flyweight championships in 1939 and 1940 and the Diamond Belt flyweight title. He turned professional in 1941 and fought most of his pro bouts in Pittsburgh and Cleveland. His brother Sammy has been discharged from the Army and has resumed his pro career in Pittsburgh. Cpl. Adragna's wife lives in Munhall, Pa. Adragna enlisted July 28, 1942.

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PFC. AL PALUMBO

UP from New York's teeming sidewalks to aid the crack 37th Infantry Division, comes hard-fisted Pfc. Al Palumbo, known to all the boys as "Moe." This soldier, popular with everyone because of his sunny disposition, is the 37th Infantry Division's boxing mentor. He joined the division at Guadalcanal and was assigned to the 37th Quartermaster Company. A veteran of the gruelling campaigns of Munda, Bougainville and the various operations on Luzon, Moe is just as active and full of pep as the newest recruit, despite his 27 months of tropical warfare. His outfit is in Luzon.

In the Cagayan Valley, where the 37th broke the back of Japanese resistance on Luzon with their sensational 200-mile drive, the big problem had been that of supply. To aid in this task more than 300 Filipino civilians were utilized by the Quartermaster and placed in Pfc. Palumbo's charge. It was his duty to direct this pool of labor and correlate their work, and he did it well.

Born in Brooklyn, N. Y., of Italian parentage, Moe attended Textile High School. At school his boxing skill was discovered, and it wasn't long before he was induced to try his luck against the professionals. He quickly established himself as a top-flight pugilist, and in the eight-year period from 1924 to 1933 he compiled the enviable record of 45 wins out of 52 starts.

Since his retirement from active competition, Moe has remained in the game as referee, manager and as trainer of such fistic luminaries as Lou Ambers, the Herkimer Hurricane, and Red Cochrane, present world welterweight title holder. Greetings from the President interrupted his career in the boxing profession, but Moe confides that he intends to return to the game soon.

His wife, Josephine Ann Palumbo, lives in New York City.

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GENE DARGAN

"WHO is that fat guy in the corner?" That is the question on the lips of the fight fans at the San Antonio District AAF Personnel Distribution Command when big Gene Dargan steps into the ring with one of his fighters.

Jovial Gene, the smiling Irishman, is a trainer for the PDC boxing team. A broth of a boy at 273 pounds, he dwarfs most of the middleweights and welters with whom he works, and on more than one occasion the crowd has laughingly registered complaints that they couldn't see the ring because Dargan was in the way.

Dargan is an astute trainer, a shrewd manager, and a clever businessman where fisticuffs are concerned. Before enlisting in the Army Air Forces, Gene learned the fight game by being "that fat guy in the corner" for nine world's champions, including Billy Conn, Sammy Angott, Fritzie Zivic, Gunnar Barlund, Petey Scalzo and Babe Risko.

Dargan first became interested in boxing while attending Epiphany School in Pittsburgh, across the street from the Pittsburgh Lyceum. After school he'd go to the Lyceum to watch a promising welterweight named Billy Conn work out. Soon Johnny Day, Conn's manager, let him help him out with odd jobs, and Trainer Danny Ryan taught him how to patch cuts on the fighters' faces.

When he was graduated from school, Gene left Pittsburgh to attend St. Mary's College in Winona, Minn., where he was trainer for the football team. But fighting was in his blood, so he returned to Pittsburgh and acquired several fighters of his own. As manager, Dargan has handled Sammy Parrotto, Freddie Lenn, Sal Marabito, who went to the finals of the New York State Golden Gloves; Al Wankowcix and Steve de Luca, other Golden Gloves finalists.

At the Personnel Distribution Command, Dargan assists with the entertainment of the combat returnees who are on the post for a two-week period of readjustment, classification, and assignment.

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SGT. PAT CASEY

THE name of Pat Casey today has developed into a legendary figure in GI boxing circles in the Southwest Pacific. As promoter and trainer, he has helped put boxing on the map on Luzon, where he is serving with the Far East Air Forces. Before entering the service, Pat fought 80 amateur bouts. Among the few losses he sustained were three to Fritzie Zivic, whom he beat twice. Pat captured the featherweight diadem in the California A.A.U. tournament some years back.

Sgt. Casey has spent 16 months overseas. His present decorations include the Asiatic Pacific and Philippine Liberation ribbons, Good Conduct Medal and two bronze stars for participation in the Bismarck Archipelago campaigns.

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AL NETTLOW

DAPPER Al Nettlow, the Detroit flash who was the scourge of the lightweight division before becoming one of the first of the nation's topflight athletes to join the armed forces, is back in civilian life. But—and it's a big but—he doesn't plan on resuming his ring career, not for the time being at least.

Forty-one months in the Navy as a Chief Specialist (A) and more than half of that time spent overseas, has somewhat dampened Al's lust for fighting. Besides, there's the unfinished business of a belated honeymoon with Mrs. Nettlow, the former

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LETTERS *from Our* READERS

YOUR recent editorial about Danny Webb and his situation here in re a fight for the British Empire featherweight title with Nel Tarleton, has caused a considerable amount of adverse criticism because your article is based on misinformation. I realize that editorial was written on material furnished to you by Canadian papers in which the story originally appeared, but they likewise were misinformed. Here are the official facts regarding Negro fighters and the B.B.B.C. rules governing such contests:

A Negro boxer can fight for the Empire title but is not permitted to box for a British title. Only white boxers can box for such a crown.

There is quite a difference in the Empire and British designations. For example we have had any number of Negroes fight for the Empire crown. Larry Gains was a champion. We tried hard to get the B.B.B.C. to change the rules and permit him to fight for the British title, but it was never done. Yet he held the Empire crown. Danny Webb is a well behaved boy and can fight for the Empire championship if he is granted permission by the Canadian Army to do so and can get the champion to agree to sign a contract with him for such a battle. Here is the rule in such bouts:

British championship—Page 56, Par. 4, British Board of Boxing Control Rules—"Contestants must be legally British subjects, and born of white parents. Must be resident not less than two years in British Isles of which the first 12 months must be continuous, and the aggregate of two years must be completed in three years.

"The British subject during the two years mentioned must be an active boxer and have held a license of the British Boxing Board of Control as such. Birth certificates must be supplied by boxers to the B.B.B.C. if required."

So you see our Canadian friend is wrong in suggesting that the B.B.B.C. is stopping Dan Webb from boxing for the Empire title. The B.B.B.C. is simply following the rules under which its work is carried on.

JOHNNY SHARPE,
British Correspondent for THE RING.

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BOXING is at present in the doldrums in Australia. There are a few promising boys in action, notably Bobby Fuller and Tommy Burns, although they lack the proper competition to bring them along.

Much good material also is spoilt in the gymnasium where, owing to the lack of proper supervision and control, young boys are allowed to batter one another to a standstill.

However, I think that a regeneration in the great game will occur after this war and we will produce another Darcy or Jack Carroll to do battle with the best of the overseas boys.

Looking over an old issue of THE RING a few days ago, I read an article on middleweights in which a comparison was made between Jeff Smith and Mickey Walker.

Well, I did not see Walker but I saw Smith in action several times and I was a great admirer of his as a boxer. I also think that the opposition Jeff met was of a higher class all around than that encountered by Mickey. Early in his career he was robbed of a decision against Carpentier in Paris.

When he visited this country, his first fight was with another top-notch middleweight in Eddie McGoorty. Smith won almost every round only to see the decision given against him by Referee Arthur Scott.

This decision caused a riot in the Sydney Stadium and as a consequence, Scott was never again asked to referee a fight in Sydney.

Smith then won a decisive points victory against Jimmy Clabby and everybody knows how good Clabby was at that time. He followed this by knocking out the iron jawed Pat Bradley.

On his next visit out here, Jeff lost a decision against brilliant Mick King, Australia's middleweight champion. Jeff had not been long enough off the boat to show his real form. He gave King a boxing lesson in their next fight.

Jeff's two fights with Leo Darcy were most unsatisfactory affairs. The wave of Darcy hysteria which was then sweeping Sydney, was mainly responsible for this and Smith left Australia, never to return. Much good ink was spilt in Sydney at the time about the "cowardly" blows struck by Smith.

Although an ardent admirer of the peerless Darcy who, I believe, would have whipped any middleweight of this century, with the possible exception of Sam Langford, I beg to refute the charges of cowardly conduct by Jeff Smith.

The facts, as seen by myself at the ringside, are briefly as follows: In the first contest, after five rounds of truly wonderful fighting had taken place, Smith shot a perfect punch to Darcy's solar plexus.

The blow caught Darcy's wind. It did not drop him but his hands fell down to protect the injured area. Immediately a cry of foul went up and swelled in volume until the stadium walls almost burst.

This hullabaloo may have saved Darcy, for Smith stood off like one bemused and did not attempt to take advantage of Les's defenceless condition as he might easily have done.

Dave Smith, Darcy's chief second, claimed a foul which was disallowed, he then threw in the towel. Darcy was quite willing to continue at the time and might probably have won the fight if allowed to do so.

However, this unhappy ending spoilt what promised to be one of the greatest middleweight contests of all time.

The second fight between the pair was an even more unfortunate affair.

It started off at a terrific rate but the second round had not long started when Smith landed a punch which was palpably low, but no lower than has often been landed in other fights and no harder.

However, the damage was done. Jeff had dared to land a foul blow on the national idol, for that was what Darcy was in those days.

It was the pugilistic finish of Jeff Smith in Australia. From being a well respected and popular figure in boxing, he became an object of contempt and was fairly hounded out of the country.

I often wonder whether this treatment of Jeff Smith had any bearing on the treatment that Darcy received in America!

Whichever the case may be, it remains that these two great boxers were the victims of unfortunate circumstance.

Nobody could ever make me believe that Jeff Smith was a craven. His record fairly bristles with the names of formidable fighting men and never in any case did he seek the easy way out when the going was tough. He lost very few battles in a long career.

Although he was always well up amongst the top-flighters in the middle- and light-heavyweight division, I have never yet seen a picture or read an article about him in your fine magazine although many inferior ringsters are given space in it from time to time.

I am sorry if this letter has been overlong but it is just something that I wanted to get off my chest.

Do not be surprised if you hear from Jack Munro very shortly, that is if you have not already done so. I showed him some of the books you sent me and he rushed straight away to send for some.

I trust you received the colored post cards I forwarded to you, also the copies of the *Builders Laborers' Journal* in which I was pleased to be able to write a few words of praise for your great books.

LES THOMAS,
Sydney, N. S. W., Australia.

NEWS OF TEXAS RINGS
By BILL DAVEE

AT LAREDO—James Candy, 125, and Reymundo Ramirez, 125, drew, six rounds. Michael Sayers, 160, kayoed Juan Sanchez, 156, two rounds. John J. Greggs, 126, decisioned Matias Ruiz, 124, ten.

At Houston (Negro show), Darnell Carter, 130, kayoed Euard Baloney, 128, one round. Wilbert Kimp, 172, decisioned Herbert Lane, 168, four rounds. Wallace Bates, 150, kayoed William Sherrerd, 145, three rounds. Leonard Ceasar, 140, decisioned Sylvester Williams, 132, ten rounds. Albert Williams, 160, decisioned Johnny Monroe, 158, ten rounds.

At San Antonio—Jesus Rodriguez, 125, decisioned Joe Robinson, 126, four rounds. Ignacio Ortiz, 136, kayoed Howard Carr, 142, three rounds. Ramon Alva, 130, kayoed Luis Olvera, 136, three rounds. Tony Elizondo, 160, kayoed Johnny Riley, 162, three rounds. Tony Mar, 136, kayoed Eddie Weller, 140, four rounds.

At Beaumont—Bill Plattsmier, Promoter—Vincent Mazac, 145, kayoed James W. Harper, 145, two rounds. Juan Castillo, 126, kayoed Kid Dillinger, 126, five rounds. Johnny Villanueva, 126, kayoed Joe Jackson, 126, two rounds. Ignacio Garcia, 145, decisioned Oliver Hamm, 147, eight rounds. Bill McDowell, 157, decisioned Eddie Bangs, 153, ten rounds.

At Houston, Ralph Smith, Promoter—Dan Archer, 134, and Abel Menchaca, 132, drew, four rounds. Johnny Villanueva, 125, kayoed Frankie Reyes, 132, three rounds. Joey Yarosz, 142, kayoed Oliver Hamm, 144, three rounds. Ben Johnson, 157, decisioned Jake Stephens, 157, six rounds. Paul Altman, 155, decisioned Fritzie Zivic, 152, ten rounds.

At Laredo, L. M. Valle, Promoter—Matias Ruiz, 121, decisioned Reymundo Ramirez, 125, four rounds. John J. Greggs, 128, decisioned Jesus Martinez, 128, six rounds. Ben Johnson, 158, kayoed Jesse Gomez, 155, four rounds. Tony Mar, 135, kayoed Oliver Hamilton, 133, two rounds.

At San Antonio, Bill Davee, Promoter—Ben Johnson, 160, decisioned Julio Cerna Rodriguez, 161, six rounds. Jose Mendoza, 130, decisioned Marcelina de la Rosa, 133, six rounds. Ramon Alva, 128, kayoed Doug Gibson, 134, three rounds. Tony Elizondo, 158, kayoed Steve Latz, 155, one round. Tony Mar, 135, kayoed Maurice LaChance, 130, three rounds.

At Houston—Neal Hilliard, Promoter, Negro show—Herbert Lane, 163, T.K.O.'ed Willie Bee Tucker, 162, four rounds. Donnell Carter, 132, kayoed Al Bernard, 135, two rounds. Douglas Rhone, 168, kayoed Buddy High, 172, four rounds. Albert Williams, 159, decisioned Johnny Monroe, 149¾, ten rounds.

GLOVE GOSSIP: Tony Mar has returned to Texas during the month to blast out three opponents in a total of less than nine rounds. "Atomic" Tony was particularly impressive in flattening game and willing Maurice "Lefty" LaChance. Fans hereabouts would be hard to convince that there is a better lightweight in the world than Mar, when Tony is in top form.

Roy Beard, veteran middleweight, who has recently been discharged from the Army after spending the past two years in Europe, will open a gym in San Antonio and handle a stable of fighters. . . . Paul Altman looked impressive in beatin Fritzie Zivic at Houston. Zivic in turn looked as if he has regained top form in trouncing Billy Deeg at Oklahoma City. . . . Ernest Townsend of Snyder, formerly one of the state's top welters, has been appointed Boxing Inspector for West Texas. . . . Burtiss Fewox, who was wounded as a paratrooper in Italy, is home and looks fit enough to give the welters around a run for it. . . . Best looking prospect this writer has seen in a long time is Ramon Alva, San Antonio Mexican featherweight, who has scored six straight knockouts and looms as a headliner in the near future.

Sam Slotsky, for many years one of the game's best managers, who piloted the destinies of Tracy Cox and other top flight fighters, has returned to boxing and will handle a stable of good boys. Sam's address is 404 Gilcrease Building, San Antonio, Texas. . . . Looks like a real post war boxing boom in these parts, with several clubs already doing well and talk of Ft. Worth, Dallas and Corpus Christi opening soon. . . . Jimmy Erwin, who has been promoting in the Juarez Bull Ring during the outdoor season, will return to El Paso's Liberty Hall for the indoor season. Jimmy is doing wonders at the Border city and has come up with a hot attraction in featherweight Manny Ortega. . . . The writer has opened new offices at 342 Moore Bldg., San Antonio, Texas. Your correspondence will be answered, but we have no pictures of fighters.

HEARD AND SEEN IN MICHIGAN
By MICKEY McINTIRE

SOUTHPAW BILL EDDY, Flint veteran, flashed the best form of his career when he outpointed Leroy Willis of Detroit at the Olympia to gain recognition as Michigan's lightweight champion.

Two weeks later Eddy placed his state crown on the block against Willis and after ten hard-fought rounds, the Flint portsider was still champ, the decision being a draw. The result of this bout from the three officials' standpoint, as things turned out, hinged on one blow! In the first frame, Eddy caught Willis on the chin with a left jab and the young Detroiter went to one knee but bounced up immediately.

Referee Johnny Weber and Judge Sam Hennessy scored this as a knockdown for Eddy and credited him with the round. Judge M. H. Butler contended that Willis merely had slipped and called the opening canto even. In their final compilations, Referee Weber gave Eddy four rounds, Willis three, and called three even. Hennessy saw Willis as the winner the same way. Judge Butler ruled it a draw giving each boxer two rounds and scoring six even. Each of the officials' point scores totaled 50 for both scrappers!

A crowd of 6,406 booed the verdict, the majority believing that Willis had slipped in the opening round.

Ring-wise Chalky Wright surprised a crowd of 4,853 at the Olympia by punching out an easy ten-round win over Bobby Ruffin in a sporadic slugfest. Ruffin had beaten Wright when he was on the rise as a great prospect three years ago, but Chalky had things pretty much his own way in this return go, rocking his man a few times with hard rights.

Chalky, weighing 129, spotted the Astoria Irishman six pounds, but stung him with a terrific right to the head in the second round. Ruffin was forced to hang on. In the sixth, the ageless Negro again rocked Ruffin with a smashing right. The decision was unanimous.

Irish Bobby McIntire and Willie Russell renewed their feud in Columbus, Ohio, and this time Russell got the decision. McIntire took an eight-round duke over Willie in St. Paul, and ringsiders thought he should have had no worse than a draw this time, but Russell received a split decision before a capacity house. The entire ten rounds were crammed with action, first one, then the other taking the lead. McIntire finished stronger, doing his best work on the inside, as Russell tired in the closing rounds.

Sgt. Jimmy Edgar returned to Arena Gardens, and turned back the challenge of Ossie "Bulldog" Harris, taking a hard-earned decision over the rugged Pittsburgher. Edgar would like another crack at Jake LaMotta.

Merle Richards is keeping his stable of fighters busy in rings around the country. In recent weeks his boys have boxed in Oklahoma City, New Orleans, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Milwaukee, Akron, Columbus, and Chicago, which attests to Richards' ability as a hustler. He has boys of all weights, including Bobby McIntire, Pete Bolos, Stan Cieslik, Art Price, Pat Bradley, Eddie Scott, Candy Kane, Harold Thomas, and Larry Watson.

Petey Bolos stopped Ossie Peguese in round five at Arena Gardens. It looks like Petey has finally arrived, his recent work showing him to be one of the top featherweights to be found anywhere.

IOWA, NEBRASKA AND SOUTH DAKOTA SPARKS
By BILL HAWKINS

OMAHA, NEB. — Don Lee, 150, Edison, Neb., welterweight, decisioned Ben Evans, 148½, of Oklahoma City in the 10-round main event of an Omaha Auditorium fight card.

It was Lee's first Omaha appearance since his discharge from the Marine Corps.

Jack Riley, 162, Oklahoma City, knocked out Sgt. Duke Abrams, 155, of the Lincoln A. A. F. in the first round of the semi-windup.

In the preliminaries, Pancho Martinez, 130, Mexico City, knocked out Oliver Johnson Louis in the third. Pvt. Charles Green, 154, Sioux City A. A. F., knocked out Jesse Johnson, 156, Oklahoma City, in the first; Royal Martin, 154, Des Moines, and Noe Flores, 147, North Platte, Neb., drew.

Des Moines, Ia.—Jackie Graves, Austin, Minn., chilled Chito Hernandez, Tampico, Mex., in the third round after knocking down the Mexican for a nine-count earlier in the period.

Graves, who ranks fifth among the country's featherweight boxers, was shaken in the first canto when he stopped a savage right.

A pair of stinging lefts floored the Mexican early in the third round. The end came at 1:38 of the second round as Graves dropped Hernandez with another left, flush to the chin.

Graves weighed 131; Hernandez 129.

Only one of the three preliminary matches went the distance. In the semiwindup, Jimmy Joyce, 136, Gary, Ind., knocked out Lorenzo Juarez, 141, Mexico City, in 2:51 of the second round.

Ted Christie, 132½, New York, drew with Billy Heath, 135½, Des Moines, in six rounds and Royal Martin, 152, Des Moines, scored a technical knockout over Sonny Washington, 149, Des Moines, in the fourth round.

Sioux City, Ia.—In appreciation of his efforts in promoting boxing programs and exhibitions throughout the western Pacific base command, Maj. Gen. Sanderford Jarman, the commanding officer, has issued a letter of commendation to S. Sgt. Robert W. Morley, well known former Sioux City Golden Gloves amateur boxer.

Morley attended Trinity college and the University of Iowa and four times won championships in the Sioux City Golden Gloves tournament—the featherweight title in 1935 and the lightweight titles in 1936, 1938 and 1939.

Entering the army two years ago, Morley was sent overseas at the completion of his basic training. He now has spent more than 19 months in the Pacific theater of war, and during most of that time he has been assigned to special services and in charge of boxing programs.

Des Moines, Ia.—After being floored three times for nine counts, Tony Madison, 151-pound St. Joseph, Mo., Negro, was knocked out in two minutes, 58 seconds of the third round by Benny Evans, 147-pound Des Moines welterweight, in the first boxing show of the fall season here.

Billy Heath, 133-pound Des Moines lightweight, knocked out Bobby Williams, 135-pounder from Chicago, in one minute, 40 seconds of the second round.

Last Minute . . . the first definite step to provide Cedar Rapids with a municipal stadium and a recreational auditorium was taken here when representatives of civic groups, business and professional men, voted at a meeting to circulate petitions asking the city council to call an election on a $797,530 bond issue. . . . The auditorium would house a gym, and will also be used for boxing and wrestling contests. . . . At Ottumwa, Ia. . . . Saint Stanley, bearded wrestler from Benton Harbor, Mich., defeated Emir Badui of Arabia. . . . Young Sonny Myers of St. Joseph and Cal Reece of St. Joseph went 45 minutes to a draw. . . . Danny Fenlon of Dubuque put Chico Salzar of Mexico City down in 21 minutes. . . . Danny Lubovich, amateur heavyweight boxer, and a former air pilot, paid the writer a call en route to his home in Minnesota. . . . Young Lubovich has had eight bouts and scored seven knockouts, and drew in the other contests. . . . Remember our address is 1900 Wall Street, Sioux City, Iowa. . . . Tommy O'Loughlin, Minneapolis boxing manager, reports that his ace heavyweight boxer, Elmer Ray, is ready for action in these parts. . . . The record of Ray now shows 28 knockouts, 30 wins, and is rated No. 4 by the RING.

ADDITIONAL NEWS FROM THE PHILIPPINES
By PVT. MOE ROKEACH
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MANILA—Base "X" Special Service boxers demonstrated their superiority in this Pacific theatre by trouncing the 38th Infantry division 7-4, at Rizal Coliseum before a capacity throng that voiced wild approval. The 38th division staged a closing rally by copping the last three events of the 11-bout card.

In the main event Clyde Eckheart, Negro middleweight, representing Base X, pounded out a hard-earned decision over Chicago's Tony De Riggi.

Joe Rodriguez, 136, Tampa, Fla. (X), outpointed Bill Frittis, Chicago lightweight, in a close decision.

On a freak decision, Malachi Green defeated Glenn Subka in a welterweight clash.

Manuel Monrreal provided the 38th with its first win as he outclassed and outpunched Sailor Jim Weaver.

Al Hall, featherweight kayo artist representing Base X, put his team back in the win ledger with a convincing two-round knockout over Joe Martinez, Philippine Scout. Martinez took the full count on both knees after 1:47 of the second round.

Another knockout by the winning stable was registered when Art Walker, 145, Gulfport, Miss., kayoed Joe Brown, 144, Ashton, Ky., in 40 seconds of the first round. Brown was hurt badly and had to be carried from the ring by several helpers.

Carl Sobatini, Bronx heavyweight, defeated Kelley Vega, 185, 38th division slugger. Sobatini belted Vega with paralyzing blows to the head and body to defeat his rugged opponent.

Art Donato, 180, Red Bank, N. Y., 38th, gave his team its second win of the card defeating C. J. Garret in a dull clash. George Stalios, 152, St. Louis, Mo., knocked out Leo Love in one minute and 59 seconds of the opening round.

In the final bout of the evening in the Senior welterweight class, Corky Bossett made it three triumphs in a row for the 38th division by outclassing Waymond Easly, Chicago Negro.

They've Come Back

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However, ringwise onlookers say that the Earl's timing and footwork are off and with more training, the old polish will be back and the block-busting welterweight will be on top again. Earl's record shows that he was no slouch, he kayoed such good boys as Johnny Fasano, Billy McCoy, Baby Arizmendi, Freddie Cabral, Jimmy Garrison, Jackie Burke and Sheik Rangel.

Harold "Red" Rasmussen, the brick-topped slugger, is getting himself in trim awaiting his C.G. discharge. The Coastie, who won himself a title in Alaska, has put on considerable weight due to service chow and will fight as a middleweight when he resumes his leather-pushing career. He still has the old zing in his punches and will probably be one of the big crowd-pleasers on the Coast, as he is one of the most aggressive punchers in the business.

Of course, Champion Gus Lesnevich has to worry about a title, too, but the amiable Cliffside, N. J., light-heavyweight is in great form and should continue to be kingpin of his division, now that he has been released from the U. S. Coast Guard.

In the same division, Johnny Colan, upon receiving his final papers, should be a dangerous contender. And let's not forget hard-hitting Gil Mojica, who should go to the top without much trouble.

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THE tiff that fans have been dreaming about throughout the war may be enacted soon. That is the bout between Cpl. Melio Bettina and Lesnevich. The war previously interfered with a match they had once tentatively scheduled, and no doubt it won't be long now until they meet under the lights in Madison Square Garden.

Speaking of titles again, there's another middleweight out of the Coast Guard in the East. His name is Joe Governale, and he is the pride of Brooklyn. He has chalked up wins over Freddie Flores, Coolidge Miller, Verne Patterson and Joe Agosta. Now, mind you, it may never happen in a million years, but wouldn't it be something if two Coasties like Rasmussen and Governale ended up battling for the middie crown?

Other boys who should make their mark in civilian boxing are crafty Vic Grupico, the flashy lightweight, who racked up such an impressive ring record prior to entering the Coast Guard; Sammy Nagel, who holds quite a few service titles, and Joltin' Joe Guzman, who is now a middleweight. Joe showed lots of promise in his service bouts and should do even better in civilian rings. Grupico has a large following in San Francisco and will resume his main event status there, when he gets his discharge papers.

Also returning to the ring is Ruben Shank, the rough-and-tumble slugger from Keensburg, Colo. Rube has a sterling record, boasting wins over Fritzie Zivic, Henry Armstrong, Vinnie Vines and Bobby Berger. Shank is a powerful hitter and his record is studded with kayoes. He is another Coastie who should make fans stand up and cheer. Chris Dundee is handling him.

Then, of course, there's Coast Guardsman Tommy Garland. Tommy, whose friends claim that he gives Lee Oma a battle for looks, has conquered such gamesters as Leonard Nix, Jimmy Martin, Lloyd Mackey and Gaston Miller. He has lots of class, according to southern California ringbirds, and should slug his way up the ladder to fistic renown, when the Coast Guard bids him *adieu*.

Watch for these boys on the boxing horizon; there's no doubt that you'll hear about them, because they'll come back fighting!

Ring's Honor Roll

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Juanita Morings, who said goodbye to her fighter-husband after only five weeks of wedded bliss back in 1943.

However, Nettlow is planning on having a little friendly chat with his former manager, Al Weill, and the boys on Jacobs' Beach will lay you odds that the wily Mr. Weill will do a lot of fast talking to keep a guy like Nettlow in his stable. After all, the Motor City boy is only 28 and could probably go out tonight and beat most of the guys in the lightweight class.

For those who have a short memory, Nettlow has a fighting record of which to be proud. He won the Detroit Golden Gloves bantamweight championship four years in a row and added any number of other simon pure honors to his list at the same time. He went to the post some 180 times as a professional and the log shows but six defeats and nary a knockout against him. He fought Bob Montgomery four times.

Trim, tanned and weighing 151 pounds at this writing, Nettlow looks as if he could step right out for ten fast rounds. And no wonder, most of his Navy life has been spent keeping Uncle Sam's gobs in shape for their winning tussle with the Japs.

One thing Nettlow discovered during his tour of duty—and this no doubt will come as a big surprise to both fans and promoters—is that very few good fighters will come out of the service. "It's not that they don't have the natural ability," explains Al. "But most American boys, and especially those engaged in the grim business of war, can't get serious about boxing. Consequently, they don't train very hard and that's the most important thing for any youngster who envisions a ring career."

Nettlow got around quite a bit. Milne Bay in New Guinea, Brisbane in Australia, Subic Bay in the Philippines, and later Manila. But boxing was always foremost on his work program. He and Steve Belloise handled the sailors in Milne Bay; in Australia, Nettlow and Anton Christoforidis waged a friendly rivalry with their respective boxing squads and then Al teamed up with Benny McCoy and Dom DiMaggio, two big league baseball players, in providing relaxation for weary sailors who hit the beach at Subic Bay.

During all these months of travel and seeing sights that would amaze most people, Al says his biggest thrill came one day in Manila. What happened? "Well, I met my brother Andy. He's in the Army, and it was our first meeting in three years!" says the fighter.

Louis and Conn Out

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the Army or Navy, never had even a faint interest in fights, major league baseball and professional football have reentered civilian life with a highly developed sense of the dramatic as developed in these sports.

Professional sports promoters say that their activities have gained at least 5,000,000 adherents out of the war.

These 5,000,000 are not going to be only males. Our WACS, WAVES, nurses and gal Marines also are going to be factors in the tremendous postwar sports boom which already is developing.

Let us hope that our professional promoters play fair with these new sports devotees—and the old ones as well—and do not do things to chase the new-won fans out of the picture.

Lesnevich, upon his arrival in Boston following a 40-day trip from Leyte, declared that he would like very much to engage in two tune-up fights and then to defend his crown against Jimmy Bivins, Lloyd Marshall or Archie Moore, the outstanding light-heavies. He thinks he can take any of this trio into camp.

If successful in defending his title, Gus thinks he would be the logical opponent for the winner of the Conn-Louis battle. He lost two very close fights to Conn before Billy entered the heavyweight ranks. He is now 29 and thinks he can carry on as a topnotcher for two more years.

Like a large number of top-ranking pros who were in the service, Gus declares that his stretch in the Coast Guard hasn't hurt his fighting any. All he needs is a little tune-up.

During his long stay in New Guinea and the Philippines, Lesnevich was an instructor in the Coast Guard and he taught thousands of servicemen how to box. He put on many boxing programs and in these he says he discovered two lads of promise, Eddie White of Oklahoma City, an excellent heavyweight, and Gunboat Davis of New York, a 175-pounder of great promise. White won the Golden Gloves crown before joining the Guardsmen.

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WILLIE PEP, who probably is in better fighting trim than any of his brother champs, holds the longest winning streak among the fighters of today. He was given his discharge at Bainbridge on February 15, 1944, and immediately went back to boxing. He fought for nothing, not even his expenses, to aid the Red Cross and $11,000 was realized.

Then in between terms of service with the Army and Navy, Willie got back to top form by barnstorming and when ready, he successfully defended his title against Chalky Wright in the Garden. Later he whipped Chalky for the third time in the Cleveland Christmas Fund Show. In Chicago, he beat Willie Joyce, the man who whipped the N.B.A. lightweight king, Ike Williams, two out of three bouts.

Willie is eager to clash with the N.B.A. featherweight champ, Sal Bartolo, provided he receives the guarantee to which he feels he is entitled.

Socking Fools

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Flaherty in a preliminary on the Fitzsimmons-Corbett card, at the time was one of the fastest kayoes scored. Dal hooked his left and the fight was over.

When they talk about hitters in California, they always mention Irish Tommy Nelson. In the old four-round days, Irish Tommy was matched with Harry Bramer. Nelson's manager, Bob Widman, told his fighter that he bet $100 he would knock out Bramer within two rounds. Nelson took that to mean that the knockout had to be scored in the second round.

Irish Tommy was almost murdered in the first round, but never threw a punch. When he returned to the corner Widman was wild.

"What's the matter with you?" the manager asked.

"You told me to knock him out in the second round," replied the fighter. "What's the matter with you?"

In the second round Irish Tommy Nelson threw just one punch, a right to the jaw, and the fight was over. That's what is known as calling your shots.

Most present-day fans remember Jack Delaney and his right-hand uppercuts. He knocked out Tiger Flowers twice and did such a thorough job of it that Walk Miller, the Tiger's manager, charged that Delaney carried a slug in his glove. Delaney almost took Paul Berlenbach's head off with his right-hand upper cut when they fought at the Garden. Oom Paul was knocked out in the fourth round. Delaney didn't hit hard enough to bother top-flight heavyweights, but he wrecked the middleweight and light-heavyweights of his day with his rapierlike right.

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JOE GANS was a master boxer, but he was also a smart, scientific hitter. He won the lightweight title from Frank Erne at Fort Erie in 1902. He won it with a single punch. His quick victory was all the more surprising because two years previously he had been stopped by Erne in 12 rounds. As a matter of fact, Gans "retired" because of a cut over the left eye.

It was different in the return engagement. Gans had learned that after Erne feinted, he would pull back. The first time Frankie feinted with his left, the Old Master's right was on its way. Erne tried to pull away, but so well was the punch timed that it landed flush on the champion's chin. After that nothing remained save the formality of counting out Erne.

Harry Balsamo's career was brief, but over a span of four years, the Belting Brakeman, as he was called, knocked out 30 of 49 opponents. In 1936, he scored eight straight knockouts and then was outpointed by Babe Risko, the middleweight champion. Solly Krieger knocked out the Brakeman, but Balsamo went right on punching. He stopped fellows like Paul Perrone, Al Rossi and Eric Seelig with the same ease that Graziano is knocking out Arnolds, Cochranes and Davises today. Balsamo came up out of the subways, while Graziano came from behind the bar in his uncle's Pioneer Nut Club.

"My first interest in boxing was caused by a crowd outside the State Building, which is across the street from the bar and grille my uncle owned," Rocky explains. "When I asked what was going on, I was told that Tony Canzoneri and Lou Ambers were weighing in to fight for the lightweight title up at Madison Square Garden. I was only 15 at the time, but right then and there I decided to become a fighter."

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ROCKY GRAZIANO was born Thomas Graziano on New York's East Side on June 7, 1922. In his amateur days he represented the Tenth Street Boys' Club, where he boxed with Lulu Costantino, Izzy Jannazzo, George Zengaras and other East Siders who made the grade in the ring. In 1942 Graziano won the Metropolitan A.A.U. 147-pound title.

Irving Cohen, the Rock's manager, has not made the mistake of trying to alter the fighter's style. He'll never be a fancy Dan in the ring, but win or lose he'll always be a tremendous attraction. The crowds like to see punchers and Graziano is the hardest hitter to come belting his way to the front in the last two years.

Rocky's father, a longshoreman foreman, fought as a lightweight under the name of Joe Bob a quarter of a century ago. Naturally he has followed his son's career with the interest a veteran fighter always has in a promising youngster. Rocky is married and is the father of a 10-months-old baby daughter. "She hits harder than I do," the proud father tells you.

No one can dispute Rocky Graziano's right to be called a knockout artist. Even when he was a preliminary boxer, Cohen had to hire sparring partners to work with Rocky in the gym. Graziano has had a total of 42 bouts and he has won 24 of them short of the limit. In his entire career he has been beaten only five times, twice by Harold Green, but in both fights he had his Brooklyn rival on the canvas.

Graziano won his first six professional fights by knockouts. That was his longest streak. He put together another of five and this year, in four starts, he has scored four knockouts.

He's been in the Army, but now he's back on a peace time basis which to Rocky means a fight. He's fighting for a chance to fight for the world middleweight championship.

Hitting the Spotlight

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after participating in a few more, he gained the Junior Metropolitan AAU bantamweight title.

It was shortly after, in December, 1941, that Al joined the Navy and was assigned to submarine duty at New London, Conn. He spent two years there and while at New London Velez began his professional boxing career. He won 33 bouts—most of them by knockouts, boxed one draw and lost three. Among his kayo victims were Gregory Fernandez and Jeff Holloway. He triumphed over the seasoned Snooks Lacey, Julio Malavez and other good boxers.

In March, 1944, Al Velez left for the South Pacific in a submarine, and there he saw much action. "Fortunately, I was unhurt. The only fear I had of being injured was that it might check my ring career."

Al was later transferred to a sub base at Pearl Harbor. There he had what he calls "Navy bouts." He won six by knockouts, lost one to Perry Lowe—whom he later flattened; won a decision over Chet Vinci and two dukes over the speedy veteran, Carl "Red" Guggino—thus garnering the lightweight and welterweight titles of the Navy. For this Velez was presented with a championship belt by the former world's heavyweight champion, Gene Tunney.

Velez, who was born in Merrick, L. I., on July 10, 1923, engaged in an exhibition bout with the former lightweight champion of the world, Lew Jenkins. The fight—which is exactly what it turned out to be—took place at Midway Island. Lew thought well of Velez's left hook.

"A lot of welters," prophesied manager Al Lang, "are going to be sorry that Velez left the Navy. He only weighs 140 pounds at present, but as soon as I get him in proper shape—with perhaps a few pounds added—he'll be ready for anyone in the welterweight division."

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ROCCO LESCIO

IT is not often that a southpaw battler reaches the top and when he does he becomes a pretty tough customer. There have been few good southpaws since Lew Tendler, the Philadelphia left-handed body blaster, hung them up for keeps but in Rocco Lescio New York fight fans think they have a port winger destined to develop into a good prospect.

He can punch hard and take a good wallop. He has also a nifty right hand jab. He is remarkably cool under fire, quick to take advantage of an opening and is able to fight hard at a hot pace.

Lescio first saw the light of day at Utica, N. Y., on January 1, 1921. His family moved to Manhattan ten years ago. After graduating from grammar school, he obtained a job in a manikin factory—"where we made models that looked prettier than some of the girls who win beauty contests," remarked Rocco, though he's no longer employed as a manikin maker.

In 1940, Lescio won the sub-novice 135-pound Golden Gloves title. He had 15 amateur bouts. He did not do much boxing while in the Navy, but after receiving an honorable discharge, Lescio took up fisticuffing in earnest. At this writing, he is unbeaten in 26 contests and his manager, Tony Canzi, feels confident that Rocco will go on piling up victories for a long time to come.

Lescio's outstanding triumphs were two victories over Vic Moreno, Venezuelan and South American lightweight title claimant. Both battles, held at the Queensboro Arena, bristled with action. Rocco has rocked to sleep Gary Williams, Jimmy Cogman and Pat Murray. He defeated, among other good boys, Russ Hawkins, Frankie Intieri and Murray Abrams. His latest was a victory over Jimmy Pierce.

Lescio might have become a big league baseball player, had he chosen the diamond instead of the roped square. He was a good batter and pitcher. He's still batting and pitching—either in a ball park or the ring.

Marshall Is the Fighter of Month

By THE RING EDITOR

THE return of the cream of the fistic talent, professional boxers, many of whom have been in the armed forces for upwards of three years, signifies an early return of boxing to the pre-war standard. Elsewhere in this issue are stories on the men who have come back, fighters, many of them who have seen action in all parts of the globe. Among those who have been discharged and either are in training for a speedy return to the roped square or already have engaged in one or more professional contests since donning the uniform, are fighters who were badly wounded, were hospitalized for many months and have been nursed back to physical fitness. They sport the Purple Heart yet show no signs of wear and tear of army life as they go about the daily routine of gymnasium workouts to resume where they left off to fight the enemy. Tommy Gomez of Tampa, Florida, and Lenny "Boom Boom" Mancini are on that list.

It won't be long now before the names of Billy Conn, Marty Servo, Gus Lesnevich, Tony Zale, Manuel Ortiz and a score or more of other fistic celebrities will be making their appearances in championship fights and when they and their comrades in arms who have been discharged get into action again, THE RING Ratings will be dressed up with names far more deserving than the generally poor calibre that has headlined our ranking for many months.

With this issue, Billy Conn, the man who has been signed for a world championship bout with Joe Louis for next June and who was removed from his high post pending his return to civilian life and to boxing activity, regains the position he held when he joined the colors. Unlike other men in the service who lost their rating when they went into the armed forces and were unable to get their standing back until after they had engaged in at least one contest, Conn's case is different.

We must make an exception with him, because under the terms of his contract, neither he nor Joe Louis is permitted to engage in any contests other than exhibitions until they clash in their return engagement, and since it is generally recognized that Billy is the logical contender, the Number One man for a fight with the Brown Bomber, the leading post rightfully belongs to him.

Thus Tami Mauriello, who with Jimmy Bivins has been alternating at holding down the war time contender's post, each drop a peg with Tami in second place and Bivins our third choice. England's champ, Bruce Woodcock follows Jimmy, with Elmer Ray and Freddie Schott following. From there the remainder of the ranking ten consists of a poor lot. Godoy, though he has won all his six bouts since returning to this country, has clashed with second and third raters, all set-ups. Yet for lack of top notch talent, he is given seventh position.

Jersey Joe Wolcott, who caught Joe Baksi on an off night and beat him, and by virtue of that victory got himself into the ranking ten, is next in line with O'Dell Riley, another ordinary fighter who shouldn't be classed among the elite, following because of his victory over a ranking fighter of last month, Lee Q. Murray. Lee Oma, long inactive but now ready to resume fighting, finishes the ten. Baksi, inactive, is removed to make room for Riley.

The heavyweight situation may be gleaned by a study of the above, the poorest lot of rated fighters THE RING has ever had. These ratings, as so often has been told, are based on what the activity of the division shows from month to month.

Archie Moore, who lost his Number One post to Fitzie Fitzpatrick last month when Moore lost to Bivins, regained his post through his victory over Cocoa Kid, an eight-round kayo while Fitzie was knocked out in one round by Lloyd Marshall and lost to Joe Kahut in ten. Thus Marshall gets back into second place and Fitzpatrick is dropped to ninth. Phil Muscato's continued winning streak has gained for him our third choice. Though Billy Grant continues to be whipped by leading heavies, he holds his own in his own division and follows Muscato in the ratings. Jack Johnson, Australian champ, has gained two points and Mills, British champ, is still inactive. Kahut follows.

Holman Williams got back into the leading middleweight post through his two victories and the defeat of LaMotta by Ray Robinson. Charley Burley also advanced and Jake dropped to third place, with Rocky Graziano trailing him. Harold Green has been eliminated because of his knockout at the hands of Graziano and his year's suspension. Cocoa Kid also has been dropped. In their place, Aaron Wade and Jimmy Edgar, the latter still in the army, make their appearance.

Ray Robinson, the outstanding welter and Tippy Larkin continue to hold the leading positions in their class. Jimmy Doyle has gained a point with Freddie Archer in fourth place and Tony Janiro following. Sammy Angott, who halted Ike Williams, NBA lightweight king, has rejoined the top men. He is rated seventh and Reuben Shanks, discharged from the Coast Guard, but rated seventh a few months ago, has been placed tenth. Nick Moran has been dropped.

Willie Joyce, consistent winner, is now the Number One lightweight, over Bob Montgomery, still in uniform and inactive, and Ike Williams. Dave Castilloux, Canadian light and welter champ, is going good again. His victories over top men, especially his recent defeat of Juste Fontaine, have earned for him second place with Montgomery and Williams rated below him.

"THE RING'S" RATINGS FOR THE MONTH

Ending October 12, 1945

Fighters who hitherto have been rated but are now in the armed forces and have become inactive, have been removed until such time as they resume boxing. When those removed are again active, they will receive the recognition previously granted to them. Only active fighters, service men and civilians, will be rated monthly. In our ratings the position of champions now in the service is frozen for the duration. Inactive service men are kept in the ratings for four months before being removed until they resume boxing.

Heavyweights (Over 175 pounds)	Light-Heavyweights (Not exceeding 175 pounds)	Middleweights (Not exceeding 160 pounds)	Welterweights (Not exceeding 147 pounds)
World's Champion Joe Louis	World's Champion Gus Lesnevich	World's Champion Tony Zale	World's Champion Freddie Cochrane
1—Billy Conn	Archie Moore	Holman Williams	Ray Robinson
2—Tami Mauriello	Lloyd Marshall	Charley Burley	Tippy Larkin
3—Jimmy Bivins	Phil Muscato	Jake LaMotta	Jimmy Doyle
4—Bruce Woodcock	Billy Grant	Rocky Graziano	Freddie Archer
5—Elmer Ray	Walter Woods	Bee Bee Washington	Tony Janiro
6—Freddie Schott	Jack Johnson	Jock McAvoy	Arthur Danahar
7—Arturo Godoy	Freddie Mills	Wildcat George Henry	Sammy Angott
8—Jersey Joe Wolcott	Joe Kahut	Aaron Wade	George Sugar Costner
9—O'Dell Riley	Fitzie Fitzpatrick	Bert Lytell	Johnny Greco
10—Lee Oma	Billy Smith	Jimmy Edgar	Reuben Shanks

Lightweights (Not exceeding 135 pounds)	Featherweights (Not exceeding 126 pounds)	Bantamweights (Not exceeding 118 pounds)	Flyweights (Not exceeding 112 pounds)
World's Champion International Title Vacant	World's Champion Willie Pep	World's Champion Manuel Ortiz	World's Champion Jackie Paterson
1—Willie Joyce	Chalky Wright	Tony Olivera	Seaman Terry Allen
2—Dave Castilloux	Sal Bartolo (N.B.A. Champion)	Luis Castillo	Bunty Doran
3—Bob Montgomery (Recognized by N.Y.)	Phil Terranova	Benny Goldberg	Rinty Monahan
4—Ike Williams (N.B.A. Champion)	Jackie Graves	Norman Lewis	Joe Curran
5—Allie Stolz	Enrique Bolanos	Simon Vergera	Alec Murphy
6—Ronnie James	Carlos Chavez	Sammy Reynolds	Hugh Cameron
7—Bobby Ruffin	Kid Zefine	Ronnie Clayton	Tommy Burney
8—Freddie Dawson	Tony Mar	Gus Foran	George Parkes
9—Juste Fontaine	Spider Armstrong	Jackie Jurich	Billy Clinton
10—Charley Smith	Nel Tarleton	Mickey Colbert	Dado Marino

Freddie Dawson has come back and rates eighth place. Chester Rico, who was stopped by Charley Smith, due to a badly swollen eye and a turned ankle, both suffered in the early part of their fight, lost his high spot. He was let out and his conqueror, who is not the equal of Chester as a fighter, is honored with the tenth post because of that victory.

Tony Mar and Spider Armstrong have joined the select circle among the feathers. The results of the month follow:

Here are the heavyweight results: Tami Mauriello knocked out Gunnar Barlund, 2. Elmer Ray knocked out Henry Cooper, 3. Jersey Joe Wolcott knocked out Johnny Denson, 2.

Charlie Collett knocked out Jeff Wilson, 2. Mark Hart knocked out Harry Kaye, 1; outpointed Ted Barter, 6; knocked out Eddie Lust, 4; knocked out Fred Clarke, 6. Eddie Blunt outpointed Nathan Mann, 10.

Jimmy Bivins outpointed Yancey Henry, 10. O'Dell Riley outpointed Lee Q. Murray, 8. Arturo Godoy knocked out Jimmy Carollo, 1. Ken Shaw knocked out Jock Porter, 8; outpointed Alf Brown, in 8.

Freddie Schott knocked out John Thomas, 9. Curtis Sheppard knocked out Johnny Allen, 7. Eddie Phillips outpointed Olie Tandberg, 10.

Buddy Walker outpointed Bob Garner, 10. George Giambastiani knocked out Al Ware, 6. Ware knocked out by Harold Blackshear, 9. Blackshear knocked out George Giambastiani, 5. Langston Dennis outpointed Arthur Hardy, 8. Len Bennett lost to Ernie Woodman, 8. Tim Kelly outpointed Joe Mack, 10.

Johnny Pretzie knocked out William Bell, 1. Marty Clark knocked out Frank Rose, 1; knocked out Jimmy Davenport, 4. Clark knocked out by Bob Miller, 2. Henry Berntsen knocked out Johnny Kinsler, 4.

Tiny Lee knocked out Billy Gilbert, 1; knocked out by Doug Ellison, 4. Jesse Ray knocked out Jerry Pittro, 5. Cpl. Charlie Roth knocked out Al Mitchell, 5. Mitchell knocked out Joe Wellington, 1. Joe Stepka knocked out Young Johnson, 4; lost to Walter Smith, 6.

Bill Peterson outpointed Clarence Brown, 6; knocked out Billy Pappas, 3. Peterson knocked out by Clayton Worlds, 6. Len Rodman knocked out Arthur Jeter, 3. Jeter drew with Al Davis, 4. Davis outpointed Al Spalding, 4. Davis outpointed Arthur Jeter, 4. Johnny Bell knocked out Sam Shumway, 1. Johnny Melko outpointed Waddell Washington, 6; knocked out Jimmy Porter, 1; outpointed Morris Belanger, 6.

Jimmy White outpointed Earl Eppinger, 6; outpointed Earl Eppinger, 6. Lonnie Clark knocked out Pug Wilson, 4. Billy Sullivan knocked out Billy Sheridan, 2. Sullivan lost to Jimmy Brown, 4. Sullivan lost to Al Sheridan, 5. Sullivan knocked out Al Sheridan, 5. Billy Nitchy outpointed Bill Burke, 6. Burke knocked out by Jimmy Bell, 5. Eddie Sauer outpointed Pete Sabol, 4. Jack Pumphrey outpointed Leroy Thompson, 4. Ossie Barron outpointed Bill Erwin, 4. Paul Jackson outpointed Doug Ellison, 6. Art Ramsey knocked out Frankie Urban, 2. Bill McClure knocked out Dave Patterson, 1.

Casey O'Hara outpointed Jimmy Wilson, 4. O'Hara knocked out by Charley Johnson, 4. Vern Mitchell knocked out Alvin Small, 3. Eddie Jackson knocked out Eddie Omby, 3. Bud Gregory knocked out Willie Westley, 2; outpointed Bearcat Jones, 8. Al Glassman and Larry Classon, no contest, 4.

The light-heavyweight contests: Jack Johnson knocked out Alabama Kid, 11. Archie Moore knocked out Cocoa Kid, 8. Lloyd Marshall knocked out Hilton (Fitzie) Fitzpatrick, 5. Walter "Popeye" Woods knocked out Reedy Evans, 8.

Billy Meyers knocked out Ritchie Sands, 12. Meyers knocked out by Dave Sands, 5. Bob Peters outpointed Les Butler, 12. Jack Marr outpointed Ern Clingan, 12. Jack Young outpointed Norm Harvey, 12. Billy Grant outpointed Teddy Randolph, 10; outpointed Big Ben Russ, 10. Clarence Brown outpointed by Colion Chaney, 10.

Tommy Garland outpointed Francis Ogg, 10. Gentle Daniel knocked out Babe Adams, 2 (won light-heavyweight title). Len Bennett knocked out Al Marson, 2; lost to Ernie Woodman, 8. Billy Fox knocked out Jimmie Davenport, 1. Phil Muscato knocked out Vincent Pimpinella, 1. Henry Hall outpointed Moise Howard, 8. Oscar Poindexter outpointed George Gameaonov, 6.

Allen Arnett drew with Casey O'Hara, 4. Titus Hawkins outpointed John Donnelly, 6; knocked out Louis Wise, 5. Bob Amos knocked out Harold Thomas, 3. Leroy Bolden knocked out Booker T. Washington, 4.

Lonny Boyd knocked out Charlie Mitchell, 4. Bob Mills outpointed Ira Hughes, 6. Frankie Urban knocked out Sam Shumway, 1. John Henry Eskew knocked out Jimmy Mulligan, 4; knocked out Charlie McPherson, 1; knocked out Billy Johnson, 7.

Eddie Celecas outpointed Jimmy Manning, 4; knocked out Jimmy Manning, 2. Johnny Clark knocked out Bobby Giles, 2; outpointed Len Wadsworth, 8. Joe O'Connell outpointed Al Spalding, 4. O'Connell knocked out by Charley Dodson, 1. O'Connell knocked out Leroy Fleming, 2. Spalding lost to Al Davis, 4.

Prospects of the Month

Heavyweight—Henry Berntsen, Norway
Light-heavyweight—Roy Taylor, New York
Middleweight—Henry Majcher, New York
Welterweight—Laverne Roach, U. S. Marines
Lightweight—Tony Vero, Rome, N. Y.
Featherweight—Jeep Anderson, Los Angeles
Bantamweight—Jimmy Jennette, New York
Flyweight—None

Jackie Williams drew with Woody Forsey, 4. Jimmy Long outpointed Leon Szymurski. Long knocked out by Tommy Altieri, 1. Szymburski outpointed Ray Scully, 6. Henry Jackson knocked out Freddie Bailey, 1. Billy Davis knocked out Sid White, 5; outpointed Al Calgut, 6.

Jack Hill outpointed Curly Denton, 6; outpointed Leroy Scales, 5. Mickey Fay knocked out Jim Adams, 3. Sgt. Harry Wright knocked out Sailor Jack Thompson, 1.

Billy Johnson outpointed Burl Charity, 6. Morris Belanger outpointed Alex Rebark, 6. Rebark knocked out Waddell Washington, 7. Eddie Turner outpointed Tiger Gallant, 4. Turner knocked out by Ansel Green, 2. Erle Adkinson knocked out Buddy Waterman, 1.

Ken Johnson outpointed Lindy Elliott, 6. Major Kagle knocked out Johnny Roland, 1. Bob Satterfield knocked out Oscar Boyd, 4. Al Johnson knocked out Jimmy Grinnage, 3. Ray Acosta knocked out Duncan Curry, 1. Duncan knocked out Fred Russell, 2. Acosta outpointed by Tiger Sheppard, 6. Gil Mojica knocked out Eddie Keller, 2; knocked out Henry Christian, 1. Mojica lost to Rony Bosnich, 8.

Willie Davis knocked out Nat Russell, 3. Charlie Polk won disqualification from Gene Simmons, 4. Henry Rich knocked out Al Logan, 1.

Larry Watson won disqualification from Floyd Brenner, 3. Jimmy Smith knocked out Jimmy Quigley, 2. Douglas Rhone knocked out Buddy High, 4. Willie Tucker knocked out by Herbert Lane, 4. Wilbert Kimp outpointed Herbert Lane, in 4.

In middleweight bouts, Holman Williams outpointed Berlie Lanier, 10; outpointed Powell Sampson, 10; outpointed Les Wadsworth, 10. Jake LaMotta knocked out George Kochan, 9. Lost to Ray Robinson, 12. Rocky Graziano knocked out Harold Green, 3. Ossie Harris knocked out Vic Dellicurti, 7.

Des Butler outpointed Len Latham, 10. Frank Duff outpointed Mohamed Fahmy, 12. Les Hardy knocked out Clem Sands, 8. Hardy knocked out Paul Jackson, 7. Mad Anthony Jones knocked out Dave Clark, 8. Bobby Purcell knocked out Joe Paxton, 8. Johnny Clements outpointed Jock McCusker, 10.

Reg Layton outpointed Bill Broome, 8. Hockey Bennell outpointed Tommy Colteaux, 12. Dal Conway knocked out Colteaux, 7. Alex Buxton knocked out Jack Kirkham, 9. Jock McCusker outpointed Moss Leen, 10. Corp. Tommy Jones outpointed Johnny Boyd, 8. Harry O'Grady knocked out Arthur Lawrence, 4; outpointed Tommy Leahy, 8. Spike McCormick outpointed Paddy Lyons, 8.

Jimmy Hill outpointed Sammy Daniels, 10. Bert Lytell outpointed Mario Ochoa, 10. Lytell lost to Aaron Wade, 10. Joe Bennett outpointed Frankie Terry, 8.

Jimmy Edgar knocked out Joe Reddick, 7; outpointed Ossie Harris, 10. Wilfe Shanks outpointed Billy Walker, 6. Walker knocked out Gus Vargo, 2. Walker outpointed by Larry Fontana, 6. J. C. Wilkins outpointed Bobby Brown, 6. Coolidge Miller knocked out Tony Gillo, 5. Bull Gilkes outpointed Ken Griffith, 6.

Andy Faison outpointed Pat Giordano, 8. Giordano outpointed Solomon Stewart, 8. Saint Paul outpointed Henry Chemel, 10. Saint Paul lost to Wildcat George Henry, 10. Bee Bee Washington outpointed Indian Gomez, 10.

Albert Williams outpointed Johnny Monroe, 10, outpointed Johnny Monroe, 10. Jerry Fiorello knocked out Marvin Bryant, 6; outpointed Joe Bennett, 10. Johnny Walker outpointed Smuggy Hursey, 10. Bobby Berger knocked out Johnny Rinaldi, 4. Berger outpointed Tony Falco, 10. Joe Governale outpointed Johnny Ryan, 8. Charley Burley knocked out Walter Duval, 4; outpointed Billy Smith, 10. Billy Smith kayoed Kenny Watkins, 7. Watkins kayoed Reecy Davis, 3. Lenny (Boom Boom) Mancini outpointed Baby Sims, 8. Joe Palmares outpointed Dan Calcano, 10. Sal Richie outpointed Freddie Graham, 8.

Ted Turner outpointed Jim Tate, 6. Stanley Derr knocked out Tommy Latch, 1. Albert Finch outpointed Gordon Griffiths, 6. Tip Ramsey outpointed Charley Lee, 8.

Frank Robinson outpointed Carl Janke, 4. Nate Smith outpointed Tiger LeRoy Green, 4. Joe Blackwood outpointed Jim Johnson, 6. Jimmy Boggs knocked out Vepe Watson, 2; drew with Chris Clark, 6. Clark outpointed Vepe Watson, 4. Collins Brown knocked out Billy Johnson, 3.

Buzz Brown outpointed Bill Grier, 6; outpointed Sgt. Mansfield Driskell, 6. Irish Bob Flannigan outpointed Chubby Wright, 6; knocked out Fernand Demers, 3; drew with Johnny Smith, 6. Demers lost to Eddie Soares, 6. Flannigan knocked out Ernie Kapps, 5. Smith outpointed Vic Chambers, 6. Smith outpointed Vic Chambers, 4. Bert Dowdell knocked out Leroy Dorsey, 1.

Kid Lester knocked out J. D. Spencer, 5; knocked out Ted Jamison, 1. Kelly Jackson drew with K. O. Tucker, 4. Henry Majcher outpointed Al Seidman, 6; outpointed Luck Lima, 6. Joe Girard knocked out Frankie Wallace, 4; knocked out Johnny Mara, 4; knocked out Leo Gagne, 4. Basil Mazerak knocked out Al Carson, 2.

Bobby Silva outpointed Henry Anderson, 4; outpointed Tony Petro, 4. Anderson drew with Art Robinson, 4. Freddie Ray knocked out Mickey Colton, 1. Bill Mossby knocked out Harold Thomas, 1. Johnny Johnson knocked out Joe Albanese, 5.

Al Wright knocked out Rudy Garcia, 1. Garcia lost to Bob Castro, 4. Wright outpointed Willie Collins, 6. Pat Saia knocked out Hardy Sorkin, 1. George Small outpointed Charlie Hilton, 4. Hilton lost to Patsy Gell, 6. Small outpointed Benny Davis, 4. Lew Perez outpointed Lou Miller, 6. Perez lost to Johnny Smith, 6. Perez lost to Johnny Smith, 6. Perez outpointed Leon Kennedy, 6. Perez lost to Rudy Richardson, 6.

Johnny Harvey outpointed Benny Davis, 4. Harvey knocked out Joe Robinson, 2. Davis outpointed Miguel Arroya, 4. Davis outpointed Tony Bertucci, 4. Harvey outpointed Lew Perez, 6. Robinson knocked out by Billy Hardaway, 5. Freddy Sammons outpointed Pat Patucci, 6.

Eddie Mosette knocked out Ted Jamison, 2. Jamison outpointed Shamus McCrea, 4. Mosette lost to Chino Rodriguez, 6. Clarence Wilkinson outpointed Charlie McPherson, 6. McPherson knocked out Jay Paganelli, 4. Wilkinson outpointed Billy Johnson, 4. Tony Petro drew with Henry Anderson, 4; outpointed Henry Anderson, 4.

Sam Barodi outpointed Billy Johnson, 6; outpointed Freddie Patterson, 6; outpointed Billy Johnson, 6. Eddie DeMarco knocked out Jimmy Porter, 3. Johnny Moran knocked out Al Carson, 2; knocked out Willard Buckless, 4. Hugh Murphy knocked out Jerry McGee, 2. Jerry Forlano outpointed Hugh Murphy, 6. Murphy knocked out Joe Felton, 2.

Irish Mickey Doyle outpointed Harry Daniels, 6; outpointed Harry Daniels, 6. Ren Peterson and Billy Ward, no contest, 3. Len Clover outpointed Len Latham, 6; knocked out by Bill Callaghan, 2; knocked out Bill Dexter, 5.

George Elliott knocked out Dal Conway, 3. Mick Knowles outpointed Bill Ratcliffe, 4. Sammy Vaughn knocked out Al Melnichek, 1. Earl Lumpkin outpointed Charles Leeds, 6. Dick Hampshire knocked out Jack Harrigan, 3.

Johnny Checko knocked out Cliff Loring, 1; knocked out Jimmy Porter, 1. Mark Luckman outpointed Willis Scott, 6. Luckman drew with Joe Blackwood, 8. Scott lost disqualification to Ray Chapman, 7. Billy Hildebrand knocked out Miguel Arroya, 1; outpointed Tommy Merrill, 6. Benny Droll outpointed Luther Brent, 6; outpointed Curtiss Filer, 6; drew with Jack Hill, 5.

Tommy Charles drew with Leroy Scales, 4. Scales outpointed Jack Hill, 6. Charles outpointed Ted Newsome, 5. Charles knocked out Doug Jordan, 5. Newsome outpointed Albin Small, 4. Vince Maida knocked out Joe Quinn, 2. Gilbert Whiteside knocked out Bob Hawkins, 1.

Les Arterbridge knocked out Herman Bounds, 1; knocked out Ernie Jones, 2. Sam Hughes outpointed Alonzo McDonald, 4; knocked out Alonzo McDonald, 2. Bilbo Smith knocked out Louis Mosely, 1. Ernie Jones drew with Al Slocum, 4.

Pete Geno outpointed Jimmy King, 6; knocked out by Jimmy King, 2. Don Anderson knocked out Jack Thomas, 3; knocked out Alvin Bruce, 2. Albin Buczek knocked out Joe Ellington, 2. Georgie Williams outpointed Johnny Ditto, 6. Louis Rousse knocked out Oliver Hamm, 3.

Peter Jackson knocked out Billy Mossby, 1. Van McNutt outpointed Eddie Taylor, 6. Tip Ramsey knocked out Jack Rowsy, 6. Jimmy Willis knocked out Jim Tate, 3. Eddie Soares knocked out Young Goldie, 1; outpointed Fernand Demers, 6. Johnny Mara knocked out Young Goldie, 2; knocked out Al Carson, 5; knocked out by Basil Mazerak, 3.

Gilbert Whiteside outpointed Frankie Calzo, 6. Cooper White knocked out Don Pearson, 2; knocked out Ruby Roberts, 2. Roberts knocked out Charley Fox, 2. Mike McKessick outpointed Doug Jordan, 4; outpointed Jimmy Martin, 4.

Charley Catos outpointed Edgar Robinson, 6. Frankie Augustain outpointed Ran Jackson, 6. Tony Del Gatto knocked out Hugh Murphy, 4. Andy Heltin knocked out Johnny Dezinski, 4. Johnny Riley knocked out Duke Abrams, 1; knocked out Jess Johnson, 6.

Midget Mexico drew with Len Johnson, 6. Bob Murphy knocked out Art Taylor, 5. Chicken Thompson knocked out Georgie Miller, 4. Tony Elizondo outpointed Jake Stephens, 6. Freddy Tibbs outpointed Young Doudy, 5; drew with Young Doudy, 4. Mutt Schwartz outpointed Willie Davis, 6; outpointed Willie Davis, 6.

Bobby Hicks knocked out Georgie Humes, 3. Panther Red outpointed George Tousand, 6. Billy Adams outpointed Johnny Eagle, 6. Charlie Young knocked out K. O. Edwards, 2. Cliff Beckett knocked out Johnny Clements, 1.

Ralph Dougherty outpointed Ernest Barnwell, 6. Jimmy McDonough knocked out Jack Moore, 1.

Ted Turner knocked out Richard Pugh, 1. Billy Goodman outpointed Johnny Boston, 6. Paul Darby knocked out Booker T. Washington, 2.

Joe Gibson outpointed Eddie Guerra, 4. Len Johnson outpointed Jake Stephens, 6; knocked out Jesse Gomez, 4; outpointed Julio Cerna Rodriquez, 6. Ray Spurlock knocked out Elmer Allen Carson, 5. Merrill Campbell knocked out John Riley, 2. Tony Elizondo knocked out Johnny Riley, 3. Elizondo knocked out Steve Latz, 1. Michael Sayers knocked out Juan Sanchez, 2. Johnson knocked out Baby Boniface, 3.

Terry Tinker outpointed Noel Wagener, 6. Neil (Sonny) Miller outpointed Johnny Taylor, 8. Ruby Roberts lost to Vic Belanger, 6; outpointed Otto Christie, 6. Vepe Watson outpointed Tony Petro, 4. Sam Hughes knocked out Alonzo McDonald, 2; lost to Red Rasmussen, 6.

The welterweight contests were: Billy Arnold knocked out Ray Rovelli, 1. Rovelli knocked out by Artie Levine, 7. Ray Robinson knocked out Jimmy Mandell, 5; outpointed Jake LaMotta, 12. Fritzie Zivic outpointed Billy Deeg, 10. Ray Dunn outpointed Billy Marsden, 12. Bobby Maloney knocked out Cat Thomas, 7. Morris Reif outpointed Vic Costa, 8.

Joe Legon outpointed Babe Coullimber, 12 (retained welterweight title). Julio Pedroso knocked out Kid Bradad, 2. Al Watkins outpointed Kev McCarthy, 12. McCarthy knocked out Len Kimber, 2. Tommy Ward outpointed Ritchie Sands, 12. George Costner knocked out Oscar Suggs, 9.

Jimmy Brunt knocked out Billy Marsden, 7. Brunt lost to Bill Padden, 12. Brunt outpointed Al Watkins, 12. George Sands knocked out Frank Endicott, 11. Jimmy Sherrer outpointed Izzy Jannazzo, 10. Tommy Trottman knocked out Bill Wooller, 10; outpointed Terry O'Toole, 10. Jackie Daniels outpointed Sel Hamilton, 12. Al Moran outpointed Laurie Petersen, 12. Johnny Gregg outpointed Kirk Warwick, 10. Ken Murphy outpointed Jack Samuels, 12.

Johnny Green outpointed Frankie Wills, 10; outpointed by Jimmy Doyle, 10. Billy Furrone outpointed Stanley Miller, 10; outpointed Ace Dundee, 10. Bob Simmons outpointed Robert Fowler, 10. Johnny (Red) Fees outpointed Pedro Sanchez, 8.

Bill Parsons outpointed Abie Kaufman, 10. Freddie Cabral knocked out Baudelio Valencia, 1. Arthur Danahar outpointed Harry Davis, 12. Jack Marino knocked out George Odwell, 4. Billy McCarthy outpointed Seaman Hayton, 10; knocked out Peter Brown, 7.

Bobby Zollo outpointed Benny Singleton, 10. Henry Jordan outpointed Freddie Camuso, 10; lost to Ralph Zannelli, 10. Ross Romero outpointed Billy Harrison, 6. Harrison knocked out by Johnny Taylor, 7. Willie Russell knocked out Sammy Mack, 7; outpointed Bobby McIntire, 10; lost to Major Jones, 8. Jones beat Ben Evans, 6. Evans knocked out Tony Madison, 3, and lost to Don Lee, 10.

Allen Faulkner outpointed Vic Belanger, 6; outpointed Jackie Gaines, 6. Belanger outpointed Ruby Roberts, 6. Frankie Abrams outpointed Willie Watkins, 8. Fugio Escabedo outpointed Mike Villanova, 4.

Lou Woods outpointed Sparky Reynolds, 10. Reynolds outpointed Art Robinson, 4. Kenny James knocked out Al Pinel, 6. James lost to Al (Red) Priest, 10. James Thurman knocked out Rocky Marino, 2; outpointed Artie DiPietro, 6. Tony Bertucci knocked out Jimmy Parks, 3; outpointed Jimmy Parks, 4. Parks knocked out Jerry McGee, 2.

Gene Boland outpointed Roy Crews, 6; knocked out Carl Janke, 4. Rene DeLeon knocked out Hugh Stell, 4; outpointed Gene Jensen, 6. Joe Gorman outpointed Walter Lewis, 6. Charley Pope outpointed Robert Earl, 6.

George Purdham knocked out Ken Conley, 2. Conley outpointed Jimmy Pettie, 6. Ralph Mendoza knocked out King Sharpy, 2. Joey Milano outpointed Frank Roberts, 4; knocked out by Bobby Pryor, 1. Milt Varos knocked out Johnny Stanley, 1. Varos knocked out Tommy Merritt, 2. Dick Wagner outpointed Rocky Rich, 4.

Frank Feener outpointed Benny Singleton, 8; outpointed Enrique Lopez, 6. Bobby Yeager knocked out Memo Llanes, 6. Freddie Camuso outpointed Danny Martin, 10; drew with Johnny Jones, 10. Billy Walker outpointed Jimmy Davies, 8. Freddie Dixon knocked out Lige Drew, 8. Claude Dennington knocked out Cyril Gallie. Henry Hall outpointed Nick Shields, 8. Frankie Daniels outpointed Tommy Gargano, 6; outpointed Tony Riles, 6; outpointed Billy Napper, 6. Gargano knocked out by Jim Kennedy, 1. Kennedy lost to Tony DeRosa, 6.

Fist Deaver outpointed Mickey Wilson, 4; outpointed Alvin Howell, 4; knocked out Jimmy Stewart, 3. Tommy Egan outpointed Auriel Couture, 10. Jackie Ryan outpointed Alejandro Vega, 10.

Al LaBarba outpointed Bobby Cummings, 8. Cummings lost to Sammy Mammone, 10. Joe LaMotta knocked out Ballesandro Carubia, 3; knocked out Marty Doyle, 2; knocked out Danny Aldrich, 1. Charley Parham outpointed Bill McDowell, 10. McDowell outpointed Eddie Bangs, 10. Mayhew Smith outpointed Tony Rios, 10.

Tony Riccio outpointed Johnny Lawer, 10; lost to Bill (Jiggs) Donahue, 10. Phil Palmer outpointed Lew Maxwell, 8. Danny Kapilow outpointed Phil Palmer, 10. Palmer outpointed Vic Costa, 8. Jimmy Pierce outpointed Benny Singleton, 10. Sidney Miller outpointed George "Red" Doty, 10. Doty lost to Vinnie Rossano, 8. Charley Fusari knocked out Al Freda, 3; knocked out Johnny Rinaldi, 1. Ceferino Bronco outpointed Billy Napper, 8.

Russ Hawkins knocked out George B. Smith, 4. Frank Foley outpointed Johnny Rohrig, 6; knocked out Charley Moore, 1; outpointed Al Silverman, 6. George Hill outpointed McCoy Jones, 6. Jimmy Anest knocked out Gene Ouimet, 4.

Bobby Seymour outpointed Hal Minor, 4. James Stevens outpointed Jerry Mazza, 4. Morris Corona knocked out Jackie Cooper, 3. Harry Preston knocked out Jimmy Cogman, 1. Willie Reagon outpointed Joe Gregory, 4.

Baby Boniface outpointed Ralph Mendoza, 4. Johnny Rinaldi knocked out Jackie Connors, 5; knocked out Jackie Connors, 6. Ray Laurie outpointed Charley Moore, 4. Len Taglia knocked out Gus Vargo, 3. Hugh Stell knocked out Young Salvador, 3. Leonard Tate outpointed Speedy Baker, 4. Eddie Petrone outpointed Dolly King, 6. Petrone lost to Johnny Priest, 6. Petrone knocked out by Dave Andrews, 1.

Maurice Lavigne outpointed Jimmy Pettie, 6. Pettie drew with Billy Napper, 6. Joey Albanese outpointed Al Barbosa, 6. Albanese lost to Johnny Johnson, 6. Burl Charity outpointed Enrique Lopez, 6. Lopez outpointed Jackie Connors, 8.

Stanley Sims knocked out Leo Romanello, 4. Ray Dunn knocked out Bill Hebberd, 4. Joe Johnson knocked out Billy Yates, 3. Lloyd Hartley knocked out Danny Mack, 3. Morris Elliott outpointed Jimmy Cogman, 4.

Nick Cassa outpointed Bob Royal, 4. Frank Palermo outpointed Jerry Mazza, 4; outpointed Freddie Yeager, 4. Rusty York knocked out Phil Stanley, 4. York outpointed Red Fitzgerald, 4. Frank Langridge knocked out Phil Ball, 3. Alby Price outpointed Doug Roberts, 4. Doug Bensch knocked out Steve Nolan, 5. Bill Pascoe outpointed Mickey Craven, 4. Ernie Guisti knocked out Jimmy Stewart, 1. Stewart outpointed Billy Marcus, 6. Guisti knocked out Art Allison, 1. Guisti outpointed Ernie Cabral, 6.

Leo Gagne outpointed Charlie Ford, 6. Roger Muriel outpointed Frankie Borse, 4. Borse lost to Al Pecora, 4. Borse outpointed by Harold Borsky, 4.

Bill Marshall outpointed Alvin Howell, 4. Marshall lost to Babe Armstrong, 4. Pete Pauline knocked out Ike Cunningham, 2. Paul Guerrero outpointed Lloyd Wagoner, 4. Jimmy Rodgers outpointed Lee Abrams, 6.

Kenny Reid knocked out Arroya Miguel, 1. Arroya kayoed by Billy Hildebrand, 1. Arroya knocked out by Billy Ellison, 1. Reid knocked out by Julie Cross, 3. Reid outpointed Charley Hilton, 4. Filio Prado knocked out Wilfredo Mayet, 3. Mayet knocked out Young Jess Willard, 2. Joe Calixto outpointed Raul Lezcano, 6. Domingo Russell outpointed Billy Banks, 8. Russell knocked out by Oscar Wright, 7. Buddy Jackson outpointed Julian Malavez, 6; outpointed Baudelio Valencia, 6.

Bee Bee Washington knocked out R. C. Turner, 2. Art Bethea outpointed Art Brown, 4. Pedro Jiminez drew with Eddie Halligan, 6. Pat Donahue outpointed Tony Giovanni, 4.

Al Botano outpointed Lincoln Stanley, 6; drew with Lincoln Stanley, 5. Stanley knocked out Bob Ferris, 1. Laverne Roach outpointed Don Ellis, 5. Roach knocked out Jackie Alexander, 3.

Carter Holmes knocked out Johnny Parvia, 4; drew with Gene Ouimet, 4. Art Robinson outpointed Harold Alle, 6. Royal Martin knocked out Sonny Washington, 4. Jack Marino outpointed Oat Cubiss, 6.

Lou Fortune knocked out Leo Renaud, 1; outpointed Billy Napper, 8. Renaud knocked out Young Goldie, 1. Berry Wright outpointed Art Brown, 6; knocked out Johnny Lawer, 7. Will Jones outpointed Melvin Bartholomew, 6; outpointed Horace Watson, 4. Jerry Pittro lost to Carl Janke, 5. Bobby Wyman knocked out Lee Coller, 1; drew with Bobby Silva, 4.

Herbie Brodt knocked out Jimmy Grimes, 2. Buddy Scouten knocked out by Aster Rice, 3. Scouten outpointed Ike Cunningham, 6. Emmett Harris outpointed Edgar Poe, 4. Ottie Graham knocked out Bobo Blaine, 2; knocked out Mickey Belletiere, 2.

Al Baltieri knocked out Frankie Keith, 2. Lee White outpointed Bernie Reid, 4. Bobby Holt outpointed Joe DeMario, 4. J. R. Winkle knocked out Howard Carr, 4. Rudolph Read knocked out Jimmy Saunders, 3.

Willie Hutchins knocked out Tommy Latch, 1. Lennox Dingle outpointed Lee Jones, 6. Ignacio Garcia outpointed Oliver Hamm, 8. Hamm knocked out by Joey Yarosz, 3. Vert Gibson drew with Eddie Weller, 6. Gibson outpointed Howard Boyd, 6. Wallace Bates knocked out William Sherrerd, 3.

Al Salas outpointed Boykin Bourgois, 4. Roland Gomes drew with Tommy Baker, 6. Chino Rodriguez knocked out Ike Blair, 4. William Cummings and Jimmy McGriff drew, 6. Young Corbett IV knocked out Pete Romero, 3. Fred Stileski knocked out Fred Jenkins, 1.

Lightweight bouts were: Willie Joyce knocked out Danny Bartfield, 6. Sammy Angott knocked out Ike Williams, 6, non-title. Charley Smith beat Jimmy Rizzo, 10; stopped Chester Rico, 8. Cleo Shans outpointed Dom Amoroso, 10. Eddie Hudson knocked out Torito Ramos, 3. Ramos lost to Lee Black, 6. Ray Brown knocked out Kid Filipino, 7. Terry O'Toole outpointed Jack Bridges, 10.

Allie Stolz outpointed Jackie Leamus, 10. Eric Storey outpointed George Craig, 10. Paddy Dowall won on foul from Johnny Malloy, 8. Bob Ramsey drew with Harry Silver, 8. Tommy McIvor drew with Les Fuller, 12. McIvor lost to Alby McCarthy, 12. Pat Donovan outpointed Jack Willis, 4. Harry Fields drew with Bob Maloney, 12. Al Tunney knocked out Cyril Francis, 4.

Norm Gent drew with Charlie Ashenden, 12. Ashenden knocked out Jackie Wilson, 12. Aaron Perry knocked out Jack Larrimore, 2. Reg Tozer knocked out Fred Corten, 14; outpointed Al Stock, 12. Harry Swinburne outpointed Harry Hughes, 10. Bob Bates outpointed Ken Barrett, 8. Johnny Ward lost disqualification to Ben Duffy. Jackie Tremlow outpointed Norman Jones, 6. Tremlow beat Tiger Denton, 6. Billy Roberts outpointed George Natrass, 8.

Johnny Ingle outpointed Jimmy Smith, 12, for Irish lightweight title. Dave Crowley knocked out Hal Cartwright, 7. Billy Graham outpointed Charley Lewis, 10. Freddie Dawson knocked out Al Gomez, 2. Jimmy Jury outpointed Jack Watkins, 8. Jury lost on disqualification to Billy Taylor, 5. Juste Fontaine outpointed Joey Peralta, 10; lost to Dave Castilloux, 10.

Harry Somerville knocked out Bobby Malondy, 13. Mickey Tollis drew with Jackie Green, 8. Dick Harris outpointed Don Johnson, 8. Paddy Slavin outpointed Bob King, 12. Ray Kay outpointed George Craig, 10. Ern Allen outpointed Joe Johnson, 8. Bluey Paxton outpointed Les MacDonald, 10. Vin Geddes outpointed Al McKewan, 6.

Pat Demers knocked out Joey Pirrone, 7; knocked out Al Freda, 8; lost to Tony Pellone, 10. Billy Eddy outpointed LeRoy Willis, 8; drew with LeRoy Willis, 10; Williams knocked out Ace Williams, 2. Willis knocked out Dan Bredar, 2. Georgie Larover outpointed Dave Andrews, 8; outpointed Sammy Mammone, 8. Andrews knocked out Joe Gillis, 2.

Charley Riley outpointed Arthur Price, 8. Price lost to Billy Smith, 6. Steve Kronis outpointed Joe Celetti, 10; knocked out Johnny Cool, 9. Arturo Barron outpointed Lou Bernal, 10. Lenny Ceasar outpointed Sylvester Williams, 10. Victor Moreno outpointed Annunzio Ferrara, 10; outpointed Frankie Daniels, 6.

Gus Mell outpointed Charles (Cabey) Lewis, 10. Dorsey Lay outpointed Willie Cheatum, 8. Pat Foley outpointed Pat Doyle, 10; outpointed Vince Dell 'Orto, 10. Frankie Leta outpointed Angel Aviles, 8.

George Brown outpointed Joey Angelo, 10; lost to Archie Wilmer, 8; lost to Joey Angelo, 10. Billy Miller knocked out Tommy Hudson, 8. Johnny Cesario knocked out Oscar St. Pierre, 5; outpointed Ceferino Bronco, 10. Dennis Pat Brady outpointed Nick Stato, 8; knocked out Georgie Knox, 8. Eddie Bertolino outpointed Proctor Heinold, 10. Ellis Phillips knocked out Al Cella, 2. Cella knocked out by Danny Petro, 3. Santa Bucca knocked out Jimmy McAllister, 5.

Jimmy Ainscough drew with John Chapman, 6. Chapman knocked out Pat Kelly, 4. Chapman outpointed Freddie Bernhardt, 6. Chapman outpointed Freddie Bernhardt, 5. Kelly outpointed Charles Hall, 4. Chapman outpointed Freddie Bernhardt, 6. Bill Kenney knocked out Billy Shaw, 1. Blaine Macomber knocked out Bill Bernier, 3; lost to Virgil Crook, 4. Crook knocked out by Bill Bernier, 1. Benny Lopez outpointed Gene Gilmet, 4.

Ray Jackson knocked out Ray Nulph, 2. Eddie Raymond knocked out Eddie Smith, 2. Tommy Daniels knocked out Cpl. Jackie Brace, 2. Brace outpointed Nat Williams, 6. Jimmy Esposito knocked out Ray Rogers, 3. Roscoe Scally drew with Al Miller, 4. John Settles knocked out Johnny Pitts, 1.

Eddie Prince outpointed Johnny Virgo, 6; outpointed Chico Mar, 4. Pat Scanlon outpointed Patsy Spataro, 8; knocked out Patsy Zoccano, 2.

Ernie Caparell outpointed Eddie Dowl, 6. Dowl outpointed Tommy Mills, 8. Johnny Goode knocked out Georgie Hahn, 5. Jimmy Anderson knocked out Bobby Crosby, 2.

Billy Heath knocked out Bobby Williams, 2; drew with Ted Christie, 6. Tommy Colton knocked out Bernie Devine, 1. Devine outpointed Ted Cournoyer, 4. Devine knocked out Johnny Parvia, 4. Colton knocked out Chuck Jackson, 1. Jeep Anderson outpointed Romero Lopez, 4; knocked out Pete Lewis, 2.

Nathan Bridges outpointed Al Bartholomew, 6. Bartholomew outpointed the Chocolate Kid, 4. Len Bickford knocked out Young Gonva, 2. Stanley Cieslik outpointed Rudy Zidell, 6. Zidell outpointed Ray Miller, 5. Zidell outpointed Ray Miller, 5. Zidell outpointed Ray Miller, 5. Zidell outpointed Ray Miller, 6. Vince Carty knocked out Sidney White, 2; knocked out Johnny Campbell, 4. Pedro Crivello outpointed Joe Montiero, 8. Mario Ferrio outpointed Terry Smith, 4; lost to Terry Smith, 4.

Luck Lima outpointed Leon Johnson, 4. Everett Hodgkins knocked out Lucky Griffith, 3; lost to Eddie George, 4. Flash Gordon knocked out Lucio Beltran, 4; outpointed Terry Guerrero, 4. Frankie Gromada outpointed Pete Martin, 6. Billy Murray outpointed Ray Allison, 4. Julian Malavez knocked out Marcus McCrea, 3; lost to Buddy Jackson, 6. Joe Nuccio outpointed Morton Klein, 4. Nuccio outpointed by Sid Haber, 6. Haber outpointed Julian Malavez, 6. Vinnie Vazzo knocked out Morris Happy, 4. Johnny Priest outpointed Al Smith, 6. Smith outpointed Vinnie Vazzo, 6. Al Victoria outpointed Artie De Pietro, 4. Victoria outpointed Jimmy Rizzo, 6. Steve Bellus outpointed Eddie Carson, 6. Jimmy

Joyce outpointed Jimmy Martin, 6; outpointed Steve Bellus, 6; knocked out Lorenzo Juarez, 2. Martin outpointed Roy Lewis, 5. Martin knocked out Ray Carter, 2. Jetson Arnold knocked out Baby Armstrong, 4; knocked out Tommy Murray, 2. Armstrong lost to Candel McDaniels, 8.

George Baltieri knocked out Carlos Roque, 1; knocked out Steve Bilko, 2; outpointed Nat Hutchins, 4.

Eddie Murphy outpointed Patsy Zoccano, 6. Zoccano outpointed Frankie Keith, 4. Murphy knocked out Patsy Zoccano, 5. Simley Ellsworth lost to Johnny Land, 4. Freddie Yeager outpointed Ernie Cabral, 4; knocked out Louis Venezia, 1. Ernie Cabral outpointed Joey Wasnick, 6. Cabral lost to Ernie Guisti, 6. Cabral knocked out by Freddie Yeager, 3.

Mario Averillo outpointed Tony Nelson, 4; drew with Kid Grant, 4; knocked out Kid Grant, 1. Tony Vero knocked out Tommy Harmon, 2; knocked out Tony Ryles, 1; outpointed Allie Wolf, 8. Joe Polowitzer drew with Johnny Attelly, 6; outpointed Eddie Raymond, 6. Attelly lost to Billy Terry, 6. Polowitzer outpointed Jimmy Rodgers, 6. Polowitzer knocked out Little John, 1.

Nathaniel Huskey drew with Bob Davis, 4; outpointed Bob Davis, 4. Lee Garrett knocked out Johnny Virgo, 4; knocked out Joe Miller, 1. Bernie Krashin outpointed Danny Ventrano, 4; outpointed Danny Ventrano, 4. Billy Hurd outpointed Lou Suliveres, 4. Krashin knocked out by Lou Prince, 4. Prince knocked out Bill Cummings, 3. Joe Marmo outpointed Johnny Alford, 4. Bill Hayman outpointed Walter Houston, 4; outpointed Jimmy Duval, 4.

Nick Primiani outpointed Eddie Dowl, 6. Primiani lost to Joey Carkido, 4. Primiani outpointed Joe Nuccio, 6. Primiani outpointed Steve D'Apoli, 6. Carkido lost to Tim Dalton, 4. Carkido outpointed Patsy Zoccano, 4. Primiani outpointed Joe Nuccio, 6. Zoccano knocked out Frankie Keith, 3. Jimmy Howe outpointed Marcus McCrea, 4. Joe Kosky knocked out Baby Angora, 5; outpointed Jackie Allen, 8.

Jose Fernandez won on disqualification from Johnny Parvia, 4. Parvia knocked out by Carter Holmes, 4. Parvia knocked out by Walter Gomes, 3. Billy Smith knocked out Benny McCombs, 2; outpointed Johnny Parvia, 4; outpointed Benny Lopez, 6. Frank Conti outpointed Teddy Guerrero, 4. Guerrero drew with Richard Lamb, 4.

Rocco Lescio outpointed Jimmy Mason, 6. Mason knocked out by Paddy DeMarco, 4. Lescio outpointed Jimmy Pierce, 8. Lescio knocked out Carlos Roque, 3. Jimmy Cogman lost to Bennie Daniels, 4. Lescio lost to Freddie Patterson, 6.

Joe Miller knocked out Luis Gonzalez, 5; knocked out Eddie Petrone, 2. Jack Willis outpointed Curley Drew, 4. Willis outpointed by Pat Donovan, 4. George Pitt outpointed Jock White, 6; outpointed Jack Lee, 6. Doug Roberts outpointed Frank Oakley, 4.

Norm James outpointed Bill Foley, 6. Johnny Ryan knocked out Peter Higgins, 3. Harvey Mitchell outpointed Ike Carter, 4. Brown Lee outpointed Jack Harris, 4. Archie Gibbons outpointed Frankie Donato, 6.

Joey Kushner knocked out Jimmy Cagni, 1. Frankie LaMarr drew with Gene Reardon, 4. Clem Markel outpointed Joe Nelson, 4. Eddie Lander knocked out Herman Mills, 3.

Jimmy Duval outpointed Babe Lewin, 4. Al Escobar outpointed Tino Ascasio, 4; outpointed DeWitt Oliver, 4. Ascasio outpointed Tony Jackson, 4. Roscoe Scally knocked out Chicago Jackson, 4. Freddie Balessano drew with Al Silverman, 4. Bill Zaduck knocked out Walter Gomes, 1; knocked out Gary Cooper, 4; knocked out Jose Fernandez, 2; knocked out Oscar St. Pierre, 3; drew with Oscar St. Pierre, 10.

Bobby McQuillan knocked out Ray Miller, 3; knocked out Juan Saragosa, 1; outpointed Steve Bellus, 6. Shamus McCrea outpointed Art Rojo, 4. Rojo lost to Paul Lassiter, 4. McCrea knocked out Tony Jackson, 1. McCrea outpointed Paul Lassiter, 4. George Christian outpointed Tony Argo, 4. Argo lost to Jesse Lang, 4. Mike Martyk knocked out Larry Bender 1; knocked out Joe Miller, 1. Johnny Campbell drew with Charley Wooster, 4.

Bob Pooler outpointed Al Wooster, 6. Henry Hosch outpointed Joe Thayer, 4; outpointed Charley Pavoni, 4. Norville Gaddis knocked out Fernando Torres, 2. Pete Mirabella drew with Eddie Waller, 6. Billy Carlisle outpointed Bill Seymour, 4. Cpl. Dick Cook outpointed Jim Wiley, 6.

Lucky Griffith outpointed Young Gagnon, 4. Juan Carrero knocked out by Joey Barnum, 6. Talmadge Bussey outpointed Max Vasquez, 5. A. C. Lee outpointed Costantino Milano, 4. Howard Umbels outpointed Billy Shelton, 5.

Harold Meredith knocked out by Bulldog Camagueyano, 4. Meredith knocked out Carl McKinney, 5. Paddy DeMarco lost to Butch Charles, 6. Jack Vascano knocked out Pat Butler, 2. Melvin Bartholomew lost to Will Jones, 6. Bartholomew outpointed Jimmy Florita, 8.

Herbert Jones outpointed Vernon Brown, 5. Bobby Lee outpointed Frankie Les, 4. Charley Wooster outpointed Eddie Berry, 6. Candy McDaniels knocked out Lenny Ceasar, 6. Eddie Lyles knocked out Buddy Suma, 3. Young Green knocked out Bebe Adams, 3. Bill Richardson knocked out Robert Summers, 3. Joe Mullins outpointed Harold Arrington, 4. Jimmy Mitchell knocked out Harold Oakes, 1; knocked out Donald Neal, 4.

Ronnie James won on a foul from Jimmy Molloy, 3. Stan Hawthorn knocked out Alex Highfield, 1. James Stevens outpointed Jerry Mazza, 4; outpointed Johnny Alford, 4. Mazza outpointed Joe Marmo, 4. Frankie Donato knocked out Willie Marcus, 2. Donato kayoed Gary Cooper, 2. Donato outpointed Blond Tiger, 6. Donato lost to Archie Goodby, 6. Donato outpointed Blond Tiger, 8. Cooper outpointed Charley Moore, 5. Johnny Goode outpointed Pat Iacobucci, 6. Tommy Barnham knocked out Tommy Foxall, 4. Tommy Jones outpointed Foxall, 6. Jesse Flores knocked out Mike Villanova, 1; knocked out Joe Gorman, 4. Wilford Scott drew with Frankie Venezuela, 4. Arthur Ross knocked out Young Tiger Flowers, 4.

Mike Konnors knocked out Jackie Pitts, 2. Billy Johnson knocked out Scotty Miller, 2. Johnny Villanueva knocked out Joe Jackson, 2. Villanueva knocked out Frankie Reyes, 3. Vincent Mazac knocked out James W. Harper, 2. Ignacio Ortiz knocked out Howard Carr, 3. Charley Dent outpointed Iggy Page, 4. Dan Archer drew with Abe Menchaca, 4. Frank Foley knocked out Willie Marcus, 4. Eddie Reardon outpointed Joe Dell, 4. Charley Milan outpointed Norville Gaddis, 6. Oscar Williams knocked out Tony Pontillo, 1.

Featherweights fared as follows: Chalky Wright outpointed Humberto Zavala, 10; outpointed Bobby Ruffin, 10. Sal Bartolo outpointed Maxie Shapiro, 10. Sid Knight drew with Danny Simmons, 12. Ben Holland knocked out Reg Lawton, 10.

Tommy Chapman knocked out Alan Hall, 12. Eddie Miller outpointed Sel Hamilton, 12. Ben Duffy outpointed Bob Ramsey, 8; won disqualification from Johnny Ward.

Jimmy Stubbs outpointed Harry McAuley, 10. Jimmy Ingle outpointed Tommy Davies, 10.

Phil Terranova knocked out Leon Spencer, 8. Joe Bissaker drew with Leo Tobbo, 12. Ken Hatcher knocked out Bobby Maloney, 5. Joe Webster outpointed Bill Foley, 8.

Billy Maguire knocked out New Newby, 8; knocked out Ben Holland, 2. Col Davis outpointed Ken Jefferson, 12; outpointed Limpy Walker, 10. Jackie Graves knocked out Chito Hernandez, 3; knocked out Herman Mills, 1. Tony Mar knocked out Maurice LaChance, 3; kayoed Eddie Weller, 4; knocked out Oliver Hamilton, 2.

Spider Armstrong drew with Paulie Jackson, 10. Armstrong outpointed Manny Camarilla, 10. Armstrong knocked out Chuck Jackson, 4. Armstrong outpointed Filberto Osario, 8. Little Giant outpointed Juan Zapata, 10; outpointed Battling Rosendo, 6; outpointed Reuben Sonorita, 10; outpointed Bernardino Ramirez, 10. Rosendo outpointed Jimmy Para, 4.

Manny Ortega knocked out Maurice LaChance. Mickey Quack outpointed Chico Mars, 8. Lou Alter outpointed Florian Bibeau, 10. Freddie Russo outpointed Leroy Jackson, 10; outpointed Augie Lapara, 8. Lapara beat Frank Franconeri, 8.

Harry Rose outpointed Eddie Hines, 8. Hines lost to Willie Anderson, 6. Gene Roberts outpointed Raymond Glenn, 10. Sojito Gonzalez won disqualification from Lino Garcia, 8. Mario Morales outpointed Congo Guevara, 8. Miguel Acevedo knocked out Villita deJuarez, 7.

Paul Febbo outpointed Joey Puig, 8. Frankie Carto outpointed Jackie Floyd, 10. Eddie Compo outpointed Mario Colon, 8; outpointed Tony Oshiro, 8. Irving Magid outpointed Tony Oshiro, 4; knocked out Oshiro, 1.

Buddy Hayes knocked out Lee Muccuci, 8; knocked out Frankie Conn, 5. Ronnie Clayton knocked out Charlie Meikle, 3. Peter Fallon knocked out Moe Walker, 1; knocked out Ralph Moss, 4. Frankie Rivera knocked out Todd Dowdy, 2; outpointed Nick Saunders, 6. Howard Jackson knocked out Nick Saunders, 3; outpointed Oliver, 4.

Steve Curley outpointed Jerry Darby, 6. Danny Ventrano outpointed Lou Suliveres, 4; outpointed Jimmy Cogman, 4. Ventrano lost to Johnny Douglas, 4. Stanley Stinson outpointed Bobby Rawls, 4; knocked out Rafael Rosales, 3. Young Gagnon knocked out Young Arsenault, 3.

Babe Huerta outpointed Red Roden, 4; knocked out Al Riley, 1; knocked out Billy Reed, 1. Reed outpointed Romero Lopez, 6. Cleve Holt drew with Bo Davis, 4. Holt lost to Jimmy Neely, 6. Pat Iacobucci outpointed Johnny Cook, 6. Tito Vallis drew with Lou Castro, 4; outpointed Al Fein, 4. Vallis outpointed Percy Idlett, 4.

Pete Bolos knocked out Ossie Peguese, 5. Peguese knocked out Juan Manuel, 2. Pat Bradley outpointed Marion Rhoeten, 6. Bradley knocked out by Tiger Wills, 3. Wills lost to Jimmy Woods, 6. Bernie Bernard knocked out Lou Prince, 2.

Charley Cellars knocked out Ricky Montiero, 1; knocked out Mike Booden, 3; knocked out Sammy Montana, 5. Booden lost to Gene Gomez, 6. Montana lost to Ray Moran, 6. Archie Devino outpointed Frankie Pucci, 6. Bobby English knocked out Ricky Montiero, 1. English lost to Tommy Moore, 10. English lost to Tommy Moore, 10. Jock Leslie knocked out Jose Andreas, 5; knocked out Stanley Cieslik, 3.

Jimmy McAllister outpointed Baby Al Brown, 6. Gene Leblanc knocked out Jerry Lavigne, 7; knocked out Billy Murray, 3; knocked out Yvon Cote, 7. Nick Madden outpointed Wendell Douglas, 4; outpointed Howard Monk, 4; knocked out Howard Monk, 4. Battling Rosendo outpointed Romero Lopez, 6; outpointed Ciro Zurita, 4.

Pete Pacheco outpointed Joe Alvano, 4. Pacheco lost to Jess Salazar, 4; and was kayoed by Sammy Anderson, 3. Nick Diaz beat Anderson in 4. Pacheco outpointed Bert White, 4. Blond Tiger outpointed Frankie Parramore, 6. Parramore knocked out Ray Laurie, 1. Tiger outpointed Leo Methot, 8.

Vernon Brown outpointed Joey Longo, 5. Jackie Harris knocked out Yvon Cote, 2; knocked out Jerry Zullo, 8. Zullo and Allie Wolf, no contest, 5.

Billy Sourhoff outpointed Buddy Grant, 4; knocked out Reggie Johnson, 3. Chuche Llanes outpointed Bernardino Ramirez, 4; outpointed Roscoe Scally, 6.

Tony Ferrar won disqualification from Lou Prince, 4; outpointed Joe Griffo, 4; outpointed Ellsworth Simley, 4. Filberto Osario outpointed Don McLean, 6; outpointed Billy Carol, 6. Osario outpointed Manny Camarilla, 6. Henry Zamora knocked out Al Neria, 1. Victor Flores outpointed Juan Carrero, 6.

Joe Saddler outpointed Ritchie Myershiro, 6. Myershiro outpointed Mike Gravino, 6. Myershiro lost to Clint Miller, 6. Jack Josephs outpointed Togs Torrington, 4. Alby Varco knocked out Mickey Williams, 5.

Bobby Clarke outpointed Tom Bayliss, 4. Bayliss outpointed Jimmy Plunkett, 4. Plunkett knocked out Bayliss, 3. Seaman Diper knocked out George Beck, 3. Mac McKenna outpointed Al Thornycroft, 4.

Joe Crawford knocked out Al Gamage, 2; lost to Doug Levers, 8. Bernard Pugh outpointed Terry Dawe, 6; outpointed Roy Ball, 8. Jerry Nagle outpointed Jack Taylor, 8; drew with Jack Taylor, 8. Ginger Ward knocked out Charlie Smith, 5.

Arthur Wright outpointed Billy Cunningham, 8. Cunningham lost to Billy Taylor, 8. Cunningham drew with Freddie Wheeler, 6. Wheeler outpointed Jimmy Anderson, 8. Stan Hawthorn knocked out Jackie McGouran, 5. Billy Ashton knocked out Cliff Morris, 5.

Leslie Harris outpointed Billy Proctor, 6; drew with Harry Parisi, 4; drew with Harry Parisi, 5. Alan Stewart knocked out Jack Lee, 1. Norm Peers outpointed Frank Oakley, 4. Bobby Polowitzer knocked out Wilton Abrams, 1; knocked out Ray Moran, 1. Young Junior outpointed Armand St. John, 4; outpointed Armand St. John, in 4.

Kid Lila knocked out Bartolo Medina, 4. Nick Sanders knocked out Charley Stacker, 4. Tony Longo knocked out Rufus Hadley, 2; outpointed Frankie Adams, 4. Jackie Allen outpointed Kid Pancho, 6.

Al Ellis outpointed Joe Nelson, 6. Diogenes Leon outpointed Georgie Cooper, 6. Joe Rodriguez outpointed Reds Hall, 6. Johnny Perkins outpointed Bob Demers, 6.

Al Armstrong drew with Sal Sanchez, 4. Sanchez lost to Henry Young, 6. Felix Miramontes knocked out Alberto Silva, 4. Don Perkins knocked out Jackie Pitts, 2. Willie Weasel outpointed Angelo Ambrosano, 6. Leo Milito outpointed George Morris, 4; outpointed Nick Primiani, 6.

John J. Greggs outpointed Matias Ruiz, 10; outpointed Jesus Martinez, 6. Ruiz outpointed Reymundo Ramirez, 4. Ramirez drew with James Candy, 4. Jose Mendoza outpointed Marcelina de la Rosa, 6.

Juan Castillo knocked out Kid Dillinger, 5. Ray Alva knocked out Luis Olvera, 3. Alva knocked out Doug Gilbson, 3. Jesus Rodriguez outpointed Joe Robinson, 4. Darnell Carter knocked out Euard Baloney, 1. Carter knocked out Al Bernard, 2.

Bantamweight bouts: Jackie Jurich defeated Tirso Del Rosario, 10. Luis Castillo knocked out Larry Bolvin, 9. Bob Waters outpointed Jimmy Hogg, 8. Mickey Francis knocked out Mickey Carr, 7.

Mickey Colbert knocked out Tommy Burney, 7. Burney lost to Rinty Monaghan, 10. Ray Roberts outpointed Kid Gallagher, 10. Dick O'Sullivan knocked out Bob Waters, 8.

Romero Elwood knocked out Alfredo Chavez, 8. Elwood knocked out by Ramon Ruiz, 9. Ruiz outpointed Pee Wee Lewis, 6. Tony Olivera outpointed Pedro Ramirez, 10. Luis Galvani outpointed Kid Guinche, 10. Jim Pickering knocked out Tommy White, 4. Alan Stewart drew with Alby Varco, 10. Frank Alwood outpointed Les Peers, 6. Cliff Anderson knocked out Mickey Jones, 2. Norman Lewis knocked out Joe Curran, in 4.

Jimmy Lewis knocked out Kenny Reid, 2. George Morris outpointed Louis Langley, 6. Morris knocked out by Jimmy Jennette, 1. Morris lost to Leo Milito, 4. Jennette outpointed Jimmy Callura, 8. Morris lost to Mike Gravino, 6. Callura outpointed Joe Dell, 4.

Percy Idlett outpointed Lou Suliveres, 4; lost to Don McLean, 4. McLean knocked out Ralph McNeill, 5. Frank Williams outpointed George Green, 6; knocked out Norman James, 3. Green knocked out Paddy O'Toole, 3. Billie Williams outpointed Billy Price, 6.

Tippy Larson knocked out Robert Molina, 4; knocked out by Benny Cousins, 2. Molina lost to Fred Hernandez, 6. Armando Puentes Pi outpointed Rolando Fernandez, 4. Jesus Varona knocked out Baldomero Aldama, 3.

Bobby Wright knocked out Horacio Alvarez, 2. Val Valentino outpointed Spider Gileg, 6. Vince Lauria outpointed Sal Clementi, 4. Buddy Taylor outpointed Pancho Arizmendi, 6. Kid Blyce outpointed Orphan Jules, 6. Jimmy Parlin outpointed Little Tony, 6.

Here are the flyweight bouts: Leonard Flocco outpointed Donald Scanlon, 4. Tommy Plowright outpointed Stanley Mace, 10; lost to Cliff Curvis, 6. Plowright knocked out by Vernon Ball, 6.

Jimmy Webster knocked out Joe Collins, 7.

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In Sunny California

By Harry Winkler

CALIFORNIA is second only to New York in importance to boxing activities, therefore, it is imperative that the contests of all boxers performing in this state be properly recorded in the annual Ring Record Book, as well as described in The Ring Magazine each month. Compiling a record book is a super-human effort. No man has ever published a flawless one, but Nat Fleischer has come closest to it. Such compilation requires the co-operation of the boxing fraternity, and the contributions must be of unquestioned integrity, if the reader is to be furnished with what he expects in a record book.

There is an announcement by the Editor of The Ring in this column that is self-explanatory.

I would never have believed how important The Ring is to the boxing world had I not been in a position to receive the hundreds of letters of appreciation of the magazine, which I have received from all parts of the globe. And being proud of my association with this publication, I will make great effort to see that every single item of California boxing news is submitted to The Ring, and I will be exceptionally diligent in seeing that no falsifications creep into the records of California boxing this year.

In the minds of Los Angeles fans, Paulie Peters is regarded as a "lucky guy," for the reason that he has so often pulled a fight out of the fire in the late rounds after having been on the receiving end of a lacing throughout. But, personally, I do not believe that the term "lucky" applies to Peters' performances. Paulie is merely one of those "loafing" scrappers who oftentimes endures a beating round after round before becoming "inspired" to the extent of making the necessary effort to win.

However, Lady Luck did have much to do with Peters' victory over Cecil Hudson at the Los Angeles' Olympic, when Paulie was awarded a T.K.O. win over the Negro boxer in the eighth round. Hudson had copped every round and was so far ahead that Peters' only chance of winning was by a cleancut K.O. or just such a "break" as he did get. Even though Cecil's left eye was cut and puffed as early as the third round, the Negro continued to shellack the 'Frisco toughie in every heat up until the bout was halted.

Hudson jabbed and hooked Peters at will, and shook Paulie to his heels with occasional rights to the jaw. The eighth and last round was a gory one, both battlers bleeding freely, Paulie from the nose and a slight cut over the left eye, Hudson from a deep gash over the right optic. The club physician diagnosed Cecil's wound as too serious for him to continue in the ninth, and Peters was declared the winner. Peters weighed 154, Hudson 150.

"Beat an egg and it becomes soft, and goes well in the stomach. Beat an Ogg and he becomes hard, and makes you sick in the stomach." That silly lingo could have been the thoughts of Lane Hale, 168, Los Angeles Negro, after his experience with Francis Ogg, 170, Sacramento, in the semi-windup. Hale smacked Ogg around for four rounds, then Francis sunk a left into Hale's tummy that put Lane down for the full count in the fifth.

In other bouts, Little Giant, 124, San Diego, punched out a decision over Battling Rosendo (Trejho), 122, in four; Frank Conti, 136, San Diego, nodded Sonny Hill, 135, in four; Billy Reed, 124, bested Romero Lopez, 127, in a four-rounder, and Frank Valenzuela, 133, defeated Babe Lewin, 134.

Chuey Figueroa of Los Angeles and Torrito Ramos, Tia Juana (Mexico), fought a torrid ten-round draw at the San Diego Coliseum. It was an action fight all the way, with first one, then the other, in the driver's seat.

Ramos mauled Figueroa around so lustily in the opening rounds that it seemed as though the frail-looking Angeleno might not go the distance, but by the time the eighth round came up, Chuey had piled up a lead. However, the fast pace with his more rugged foe tired Figueroa out, and he was forced to box on the defensive during the last three rounds, thereby losing his advantage, which gave Ramos the draw.

In supporting bouts, Bob Murphy bested Kid Lester in a six-rounder; Young Salvador stopped Jimmy Fox in the fifth; Henry Young and Phil Moya drew in four; Frank Conti K.O.'ed Ray Contreras in two.

Joe Robleto of Pasadena stopped Al Bernal in the second round at the Pasadena Arena. Bernal, just out of the Navy (that is all anyone knows about him), did little fighting, spending most of his brief appearance in a crouch or shell. Each weighed 130.

Other results: Roscoe Scally, 133, stopped Babe Huerta, 130; Victor Garcia, 115, decisioned Tippy Larson, 117 (4); Freddie Hernandez, 120, nodded Gil Mendoza (4); Teddy Guerrero, 141, blacked out Barry Howard, 140 (3).

If "vengeance is sweet," as William Shakespeare said (or was it Bill Miller), Memo Llanes must have been tickled pink in winning over Regina Aguila of Mexico City at the Hollywood Stadium. In copping a ten-round decision over Aguila, Llanes not only spoiled the American debut of his countryman, but also whipped the foe who had twice defeated him in Mexico.

The latest Mexican importation is a fast puncher and he kept the fight on even keel for seven rounds, but his blows lacked authority, and Memo dug hooks into Regina's tummy that slowed him down to a walk in the late rounds. Llanes almost sank the weary Aguila with belts to the body in the 9th. Regina made a courageous effort in the last minutes of the go, but he was too spent to go out in front and the final bell found him five points behind. Each weighed 143.

In the semi, Titus Hawkins, 171, San Diego Negro, surprised in winning over John Donnelly, 183, Kansas City, in a hard-punching six-rounder. In the four-rounders, Roscoe Scally, 132, and Al Miller, 131, battled to a draw; Fugio Escobedo, 146, decisioned Mike Villanova, 144; Casey O'Hara, 192, and Allen Arnett, 180, ended up even; Babe Huerta, 133, outpointed Red Roden, 135.

Elwood Romero, 115, Sacramento, was awarded a T.K.O. victory over Alfredo Chavez, 114, Los Angeles, in the eighth round at the Ocean Park Arena. Chavez was ahead on points when he suffered a lacerated eye and the bout was halted.

In other bouts, Gilbert Whiteside, 161, won by T.K.O. over Bob Hawkins, 158, in the first round,

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when the latter injured his arm and had to retire; Jimmy Duval, 132, bested Babe Lewin, 136, in four; Richard Lamb, 146, fought four rounds to a draw with Teddy Guerrero, 141; Al Escobar, 127, defeated Tino Ascasio, 130, in four; Leslie Arterbridge, 161, K.O.'ed Herman Bounds, 160, in the first.

I was readin' in the papers that Oakland Billy Smith had stopped our Kenny Watkins in two rounds up 'Frisco way, but you cannot believe everything you read in the papers, so, I turned to the want-ads (I'm out of a job, y'know). But, seein' is believin', and Smith sure did stop Watkins at the Los Angeles Olympic in their rematch. The end came in the seventh round.

Smith, state light-heavy champion (without any strings attached), dominated the scrap throughout. He came out oozing confidence and before the initial round was over he had floored Watkins three times with rights to the jaw. The Oaklander pasted Watkins around during the second and third heats, but Kenny weathered the rough going by stabbing out with a left while retreating. A left jab and some agile footwork kept the Los Angeles boxer in good health during the fourth.

Smith came out on full steam in the fifth and belabored Watkins with hard rights, one of which put Kenny in the resin for a three-count. Watkins returned to his corner at the end of the sixth a badly-beaten fighter, and Billy walked out to meet him in the seventh without any pretense of a guard. A whistling right to the button sprawled Kenny on his back and Referee Abe Roth immediately raised the Oakland Negro's glove. Smith weighed 166, Watkins 160.

In supporting bouts, Chino Rodriguez, 148, bested Eddie Mossette, 151, in a slow six-rounder; Battling Rosendo, 125, whipped Jimmy Pera, 129, in four; Sammy Anders, 130, stopped Pete Pacheco, 128, in the third; Babe Huerta, 130, K.O.'ed Billy Reed, 126, in the first; Tino Ascasio, 134, decisioned Tony Jackson, 135, in four.

Little Giant (Horace Leftwich), 128, former Buffalo (N.Y.) Negro, experienced little difficulty in pounding out a seventh-round kayo over Leon Marcus, a frail-looking youth of Mexicali (Calif.). Marcus offered little resistance, except in the fourth, when he had the better of an exchange. The stubby Negro put his slender foe down for the count with body blows.

Juan Zapata of Mexico disposed of Al Luna, San Diego, in the fifth heat of another scheduled ten-rounder. It was a nip and tuck affair for four rounds, but Zapata dropped Luna for a nine-count in the fifth and shortly after finished him off with a right to the jaw.

Other results: Bob Murphy K.O.'ed Al Wright in the fifth; Frank Conti nodded Flash Gordon in four; Phil Moya decisioned Sal Sanchez in the opener.

Shamus McCray, 145 (*), and Ted Jamison, 149 (*), slugged to a six-round draw in the feature bout at the Pasadena Arena.

In other bouts, Henry Rich, 162, stopped Nate Gibson, 159 (6); Teddy Guerrero, 142, won over Tony Jackson, 138 (4); Al Slocum, 164, decisioned Ernie Jones, 161 (4). (Yeah, only four bouts.)

A single blow, and not a very potent punch at that, was probably the deciding factor in a ten-rounder between Tony Olivera and Pedro Ramirez at the Hollywood Stadium. It was Olivera who landed the punch that broke the deadlock, and who was awarded the decision of the two judges. Referee Johnny Indrisano cast his vote for Ramirez.

It was a see-saw affair, with Olivera in the lead whenever he could keep in the open and box long range, with Ramirez head-man when he could get in close and massage Tony's tummy. The 'Frisco boxer chalked up his points with left jabs and straight right hand shots to the head. Pedro won his rounds with belts to the body, which buckled the Portuguese pride's knees on numerous occasions.

Any verdict other than a draw would have been unpopular if rendered at the end of the ninth, and they were still battling on these terms until the very last minute of the final round. Then it happened, Tony landed a right flush on the button that decided the issue. The blow staggered Pedro and caused the Mexican to hang on. Olivera weighed 120, Ramirez 122.

Titus Hawkins, 169, San Diego Negro, chilled Louie Wise, 165, Los Angeles Negro boxer, in the fifth of the semi. Wise won the first four rounds handily, but when Hawkins parked a solid one on Louie's fragile chin in the fifth, it was all over, although Wise did climb off the floor twice before taking the full count.

In a six-rounder, Jess Salazar, 130, was awarded the unpopular decision over Pete Pacheco, 128. In two four-rounders, Shamus McCray, 137, nodded Art Rojo, 137; Bob Castro, 155, decisioned Rudy Garcia, 159.

Well, there won't be as many Frank Sinatra records played in the Santa Monica Bay district on Monday nights hereafter, for Tommy Garland, curly-haired pretty boy of Culver City, is back in circulation. In his first scrap since coming out of the Service, Garland attracted the largest crowd in the history of the Ocean Park Arena. Tommy is the type who become great drawing cards if taken along carefully—and he certainly has been. The ladies pull for him to slap his ugly foes, the men urge his opponents to knock his block off.

Garland, weighing 177, and rusty due to his long layoff, had to come from behind to nose out Francis Ogg, 169, Sacramento, in a hard-fought ten-rounder. Only Garland's heavier hitting won him a narrow edge.

Other results: Duncan Curry, 170, Savannah, Georgia, stiffened Freddie Russell, 167, Redondo (2); Ossie Barron, 189, bested Bill Erwin, 187 (4); Paul Lassiter, 138, outpointed Art Rojo, 137 (4); Henry Rich, 164, iced Al Logan, 163 (1); Al Escobar, 127, defeated DeWitt Oliver, 126 (4).

It was ahelava home-coming we gave Lige Drew last month. Of course Lige received favorable comment in the press, and Matchmaker Babe McCoy gave him top billing at the Los Angeles Olympic, but (and here is the rub) Freddie Dixon was selected to head the welcoming committee.

The Deacon (Dixon is so-called because of his religious activities) went along on rather friendly terms for the first three rounds, but once the effects of the good book had worn off (Dixon had been reading his Bible in the dressing-room), Freddie began dishing out a beating that Drew will not soon forget. Dixon all but stopped Lige in the fifth and left-hooked him dizzy from then on to the finish. Drew fought back gamely all the way, but was no match for the hard-punching veteran.

Lige was still on his feet when the bout was halted and awarded to Dixon on a T.K.O. in the eighth, but he was unable to defend himself, and the action of Referee Frankie Van was timely. Dixon weighed 150, Drew 146.

Rene DeLeon, 144, club-fighting Mexican, climbed up off the floor to K.O. Hugh Stell, 145, Kansas Negro, in the fourth round of the semi-windup.

In remaining prelims, Jeep Anderson, 127, easily defeated Romero Lopez, 126, in four; Battling Rosendo, 126, pounded out a four-round decision over Ciro Zurita, 130; Pete Pacheco, 125, won over Joe Alvano, 126, in four; Ralph Mendoza, 150, stopped King Sharp, 150, in the second.

(*The weights were sure juggled around in this one. In truth, McCray tips the beam at 138, or less, and Jamison scales 150, or more.)

Sheik Rangel, 149, Fresno, and Rocky Luciano, 152, Harrisburg (Pa.), had it out for the third time at Ryan's Auditorium, Fresno. It was an exciting and hard-fought scrap all the way, but Rangel put to rest all doubts as to who was the best man, winning the ten-round decision handily.

Rangel decked Luciano once and hurt the Italian on numerous occasions. It was the second win for the Sheik, their first encounter ending in a draw. A packed house paid $3,700 to witness this third clash.

In the semi, Jess Flores, 138, Stockton, and Julio Franco, 138, Bakersfield, boxed an interesting six-round draw.

Dave Bizieff, 185, Kerman, disposed of Gil Hayes, 180, Fairground, in the first round of the special prelim.

Roscoe Scally, 134, Pasadena Negro, chilled Tony Jackson, 135, Chicago, in the fourth heat of a scheduled eight-rounder at the Pasadena Arena.

In other bouts, Shamus McCray, 142 (?), decisioned Ted Jamison, 149 (?), in four; Bilbo Smith, 170, won by T.K.O. over Louis Mosely, 159, in the first; Al Slocum, 164, and Ernie Jones, 161, drew in four; Leslie Arterbridge, 161, nodded Herman Bounds, 165, in a four-rounder; Tippy Larson, 118, stopped Robert Molina, 116, in the third.

Most of our California lightweights will probably be hard of hearing when the name of Ray Brown is mentioned hereafter. Brown is a Negro clouter of Chicago, who did most of his fighting on the Eastern seaboard before going into the Army two years ago. Brown was pitted against Kid Filipino of Mexico, in the Hollywood Stadium ring, and what he did to the Mexican is why our local boxers may not want to play with him.

Brown floored Filipino three times in the opening round, for the counts of 7, 9 and 9, with whistling rights to the whiskers. The Negro then displayed his versatility by jabbing and hooking the Keed with a left for the next four rounds. Brown lagged a bit in the sixth and Filipino shook him up with a left hook to the head, which was bad—for Filipino.

Brown came out in the seventh firing both guns and the Mexican was soon on the canvas. Filipino arose at nine, was punched around the ring awhile and then deposited for another nine-count. Shortly after this second knockdown, the Mexican was belted dizzily into the ropes, at which point Referee Frankie Van stopped the massacre. Brown weighed 142, Filipino 145.

This Ray Brown is clever, cool, smooth-working and hard punching—well, in short, he is a good fighter, and those kind are still scarce.

In the six-round semi, Chuco Llanes, 130, Mexico, outpointed Roscoe Scally, 132, Pasadena Negro. Scally, former L.A. Golden Gloves champion, is falling far short of expectations.

In the four-rounders: Wilbert Scott, 138, and Frank Valenzuela, 136, drew; Casey O'Hara, 192, floored Jimmy Wilson, 177, six times for an easy decision; Billy Hayman, 134, nodded Jimmy Duval, 130; Babe Huerta, 130, dumped Al Riley, 130, for the count in the first round.

The reader will note that the Fresno fights are reported in this column for the first time in months. It was no fault of mine that the Fresno results were missing. I never could get the necessary co-operation from either the promoter or sport scribes of that city. However, I believe that the Raisin City fight news will be reported regularly hereafter.

Billy Mahoney, editor of *Valley Sporting News*, a semi-monthly boxing sheet published in Fresno, has assured me that he will get the fight results to me each month. Mahoney, a former boxer, now handles boxers, along with editing his snappy little sheet. He knows the fight game and I welcome his assistance.

Eddie Hudson, San Francisco Negro, won by T.K.O. over Torito Ramos in three rounds at the San Diego Coliseum. The Mexican gamester was greatly over-matched in being pitted against Hudson, but it apparently did not occur to Ramos, for he tore into the hard-hitting Negro boxer at the opening bell and never took a backward step during the three rounds fought.

Ramos received a badly gashed eye in the second heat, which bled freely in the third, and Torito tried desperately to land a haymaker, realizing that the bout might be halted at any minute—which it was at the end of the round. It was a humdinger while it lasted, but there was little doubt as to what the outcome would be—Hudson had too much on the ball for the Mexican slugger.

Other results: Kid Lester, San Diego, iced Ted Jamison, Pasadena, in round one; Hugh Stell, Kansas, stopped Young Salvador, San Diego, in the third; Frank Conti, San Diego, bested Teddy Guerrero, Pasadena, in four; Henry Zamora, Pasadena, disposed of Al Neria, San Diego, in the first.

Cut eyes! It seems that about half the bouts are stopped because of them. And the untimely or unsatisfactory ending of a contest due to such an injury is only one of the many regrettable incidents resulting from these eye cuts. Another is the wrong impression such a result gives in the record books—being listed as a bona fide K.O.

Ramon Ruiz, 118, of Mexico, was another of the cut-eye victors, winning by this means over Elwood Romero, 117, Sacramento, in the ninth round at the Ocean Park Arena. Ruiz was slightly ahead on points at the time the bout was halted by Referee Frankie Van.

In other bouts: Gilbert Whiteside, 158, decisioned Willie Collins, 155 (4); Leslie Arterbridge, 163, K.O.'ed Ernie Jones, 160 (2); Al Escobar, 126, chilled Benny Rubin, 128 (2); Russ Long, 146, outpointed Paul Lassiter, 140 (4); Al Singleton, 150, eliminated Louis Mosely, 153 (4).

Matchmaker Babe McCoy of the Los Angeles Olympic put on one of those all-action cards (and that is just what it was), six six-rounders, featuring the "pretenders" and "most promising" of the local preliminary ranks. In the final bout of the sixes, Rene DeLeon, 145, the current "Ace Hudkins of the prelims," swarmed all over Spider (Mock) Jensen, 142, to cop a lop-sided victory. DeLeon's tireless, two-fisted attack wore Jensen down to a whisper and he was a badly beaten Spider at the finish.

Frankie Augustain, 158, won the unanimous decision over Ran Jackson, 153, in the only uninteresting fight of the evening. Augustain was the aggressor and it was no fault of his that the bout was a dull one. Jackson resorted to his usual foul and mauling tactics.

Little Giant, 124, sawed-off Negro of San Diego (via Buffalo, N. Y.), slugged out a close decision over Battling Rosendo (Trejho), 123, Rosendo fought the squatty Negro toe-to-toe all the way, but Giant packed the heavier artillery.

Gilbert Whiteside, 161, pounded out a win over Frankie Calzo, 167, in a punching spree that saw Calzo on the canvas for a five-count in the sixth.

Jeep Anderson, 128, was the only scrapper of the evening to win by a knockout. This perpetual-punching little battler stopped Pete Lewis, 125, in the second round with a right to the jaw, after having twice dumped his foe in the opening round.

Val (Alvarado) Valentine, 118, easily defeated Spider Gillig, 112. Val won every round and floored his back-pedaling foe in the fourth.

Not one of the five bouts went the limit, and only one got to the third round, in an evening of quick kayoes at the Pasadena Arena. It won't be long now!

In what I presume was the "main event" of this "quickie" show (since they met in the last bout of the evening), Ernie Jones, 160, eliminated Al Slocum, 163, in a few seconds. Henry Rich, 163, K.O.'ed Bilbo Smith, 167, in two; Clarence Wolcott, 150, stopped Louis Mosely, 153, in three; Joe Gibson, 136, disposed of Tony Jackson, 136, in the first; Tippy Larson, 118, belted out Bobby Molina, 116, in two.

What would a fight card in San Diego be without Little Giant on it. The little half-pint Negro of Buffalo (real name, Horace Leftwich), chalked up another win at the Border City by copping a close decision over Juan Zapata, 129, Mexico, after ten thrilling rounds of slugging that had the crowd on the edge of their seats throughout.

Zapata had Giant wobbly in the fourth and put him on the deck in the fifth, but slowed up in the late rounds and fought only in spurts, which allowed the wind-milling little Negro to forge ahead, but the margin was as thin as the skin of an onion.

Kid Lester, San Diego Negro, stopped J. D. Spencer in the fifth heat of another ten-rounder. Lester floored his opponent five times before the ref considered the job finished.

Al Wright, San Diego, chilled Rudy Garcia, Los Angeles, in round one. Battling Rosendo, Los Angeles, outpitched Ramiro Lopez, San Diego, in six. Flash Gordon dumped Lucio Beltran in the fourth.

When Watson Jones "changed his mind" (as he often does), Kenny Watkins, clever Negro boxer of Los Angeles, was given a soft touch in Reecy Davis, the substitute in the bout at the Hollywood Stadium. Watkins required only three rounds to dispose of the hard-hitting Texas Negro.

Realizing that his only chance of winning was by a knockout, Davis came out winging haymakers, but Reecy was in there against class, and soon found himself being poked around by a fast left jab. Kenny put more steam in his straight lefts in the second heat and they became damaging. Watkins came out in the third to finish it—and did. A right uppercut put the Texan down for a nine-count, and a few seconds after regaining his feet, Reecy was dropped for the full count by the same kind of punch. Watkins weighed 158, Davis 152.

Chuco Llanes, 131, made a strong finish to cop the duke over Bernardo Ramirez, 130, in the six-round semi.

In the four-rounders: Nick Diaz, 128, decisioned Sammy Anders, 127; Morris Corona, 149, stopped Jackie Cooper, 151, in the third; Billy Hayman, 136, bested Walter Huston, 138; Babe Boniface, 146, nodded Ralph Mendoza, 153.

Arturo Barron, 136, Los Angeles, pounded out a ten-round decision over Lou Bernal, 134, at the Ocean Park Arena. Barron tossed the heavier punches and had Bernal bleeding badly at the finish.

In supporting bouts, Eddie Mossette, 156, belted Ted Jamison, 153, to sleep in the second; Babe Huerta, 131, defeated Joe Alvano, 129, in four; Red Roden, 137, stiffened Billy Mitchell, 140, in two; Maurice Puzzio, 140, nodded Tony Jackson, 137, in four; Ralph Mendoza, 152, whipped Johnny Meadows, 148, in a four-rounder.

Walter (Cabey) Lewis, 129, the Cuban from Brooklyn, stopped Jimmy Florita, 134, the Filipino from Stockton, in the ninth frame at Ryan's Auditorium, Fresno. The bout lacked action, due to Florita's poor condition and Lewis' reluctance to do any sustained fighting.

The Cuban fought only in spurts, and Florita was a shade ahead at the end of the eighth. Lewis put on a real offense in the ninth and forced the Filipino into the strands, where a right to the jaw knocked him through the ropes into the ringside seats. Florita was unable to get back into the ring before the count of 20, so Referee Frank Manfredo hoisted Lewis' glove.

In the semi, Jess Flores, 138, flashy Stockton boxer, had a field day with Henry Woodard, 141, Hammer Field. Flores floored his unhappy foe four times before the uneven affair was stopped in the fifth round.

In three four-rounders, Julio Franco defeated Sammy Schipin; Joe Borjan stopped Gilbert Gonzales; Earl Stephenson bested Johnny Rogers.

Another fistic program at the Coliseum in San Diego—another appearance of Little Giant, the knee-high-to-a-grasshopper Negro of Buffalo. Giant pounded out a ten-round win over Bernardo Ramirez, to remain unbeaten in thirteen local starts. (Home was never like this, was it, Horace?)

Giant piled up a big lead in the early rounds merely by running the Mexican, who refused to mix it up in any one of the first six heats. Cornering his elusive foe in the sixth, Giant shook him up with some solid blows to the head. There was real action in the last three rounds when Ramirez stood and fought it out, in an effort to change the score. Bernardo went all out in the final round, but the stocky Negro weathered the onslaught and was slugging it out on even terms at the final bell.

Midget Mexico of El Paso, and Leonard Johnson of Los Angeles, smacked each other around for a six-round draw in the semi.

Bob Murphy, 162, stopped Art Taylor in the fifth heat of a slugging-bee; Buddy Taylor, 114, outpointed Pancho Arizmendi, 118, in six; Al Armstrong and Sal Sanchez slammed to a draw in four.

This fight card reported below is the last professional program to be staged at the Pasadena Arena for some time. As predicted in this column at the opening, the promotion proved a flop, even in entertainment, as well as financially. However, the policy of operation did serve one purpose—it gave even such preliminary kids as Tippy Larson (who has been beaten more times than Carter has pills) the opportunity to boast that they "have fought a main-event." And that will make their lot a little easier to bear.

Results of this fade-out program were as follows:

Benny Cousins, 114, flashy little Negro boxer, K.O.'ed Tippy Larson, 118 (2); (Yes sir, the main event!) Leslie Arterbridge, 163, iced Ernie Jones, 160 (2); Joe Gibson, 138, defeated Teddy Guerrero, 139 (4); Shamus McCray, 138, stiffened Tony Jackson, 135 (1); Horace Watson, 202, won over William Jones, 192 (4).

Lest I Forget: Max Baer and Maxie Rosenbloom, the former champs, staged an act at Slapsie Maxie's Los Angeles night club that was a wow! . . . With Larry Cisneros already in fight togs and Cruz Costello soon to be out of service, Genial Gus Wilson manages the best stable of boxers on the Coast. Wilson's star performers now active are Nick Moran, Luis Castillo and Baby Gonzales. . . . Jimmy Sherrer, that crack Negro welter of Milwaukee, is the boxer who eliminated our Julio Franco in the Golden Gloves tournament at Chicago last year. He is a cool, smooth worker with a good punch. . . . Believe that Archie Moore can still make 160 pounds, so would like to hear of him being in there with the best of the middleweights, rather than with such good big men as Jimmy Bivins. . . . Jackie McCoy and Babe Edwards, two of the best prospects in California, were home on furlough from the Navy last month. Both expect to be back tossing leather before long. (Both are managed by Yours Truly.) . . . Al Lang has a honey of a fighter in that Ray Brown, Chicago Negro. . . . George Latka, former clever lightweight of San Jose, recently has graduated from U.C.L.A. and has been appointed Physical Director of Lafayette Junior High School, Los Angeles. . . . Most of the reports from San Francisco agree that Luis Castillo was given the worst of it when his bouts with Tony Olivera were declared draws. . . . Sid Marks, former lightweight toughie of the ring, who has been associated with wrestling in recent years—is out of the Army. Sid may promote wrestling in Los Angeles. . . . Nick Moran dropped decision to Ike Williams, 10, New York City. . . . Eddie Davis, former referee of Cleveland, has joined the large army of Clevelanders now living out here. Davis has located in Bell, a suburb of Los Angeles, and he intends to look after a few boxers this winter. . . . Archie Moore K.O.'ed Cocoa Kid, eight, Baltimore. . . . Kenny Watkins only weighs 160 pounds, and I doubt that there is anyone in the state who can beat him at that weight. . . . Cleo Shans defeated Dom Amoroso, ten, Brooklyn. . . . Amateur boxers of Los Angeles to enter professional ranks, since my last report of them are Leslie Arterbridge, Al Slocum, Al Macias, Bill Erwin, Nick Diaz, Herman Bounds and Babe Huerta. . . . Chalky Wright defeated Humberto Zavala, ten, New York City. . . . Staff-Sgt. Buddy Baer is out of the Army. Says he is to settle down on his ranch. . . . Bert Lytell lost to Holman Williams in 12 at New Orleans, but won over Mario Ochoa, 10, Holyoke, Mass.

. . . Frankie Callahan, former amateur boxer of the Southwest Arena team, was killed in action. He is the third boy boxing under that club's colors, to lose his life in the war. . . . Jimmy Doyle bested Johnny Green, 10, New York City. . . . Nick Peters and Eddie Stanley, former lightweights of Los Angeles, are now out of the Navy and say they are to co-manage a stable of boxers. They now direct the activities of Val Valentine, a bantam. . . . Elmer Ray iced Henry Cooper, three, St. Paul. . . . If there is a light-heavy in the state who can beat Oakland Billy Smith, it is Lloyd Marshall. They should meet for the state title. . . . Al Jordan was stopped by Joe Kahut in five at Portland, Oregon.

Space forbids my answering any of your inquiries in this column this month. Wherever possible, I will write you personally. Please enclose self-addressed, stamped envelope in your letters to me. The address is Harry E. Winkler, 1231 N. June St., Hollywood 38, Calif.

Fighter of Month

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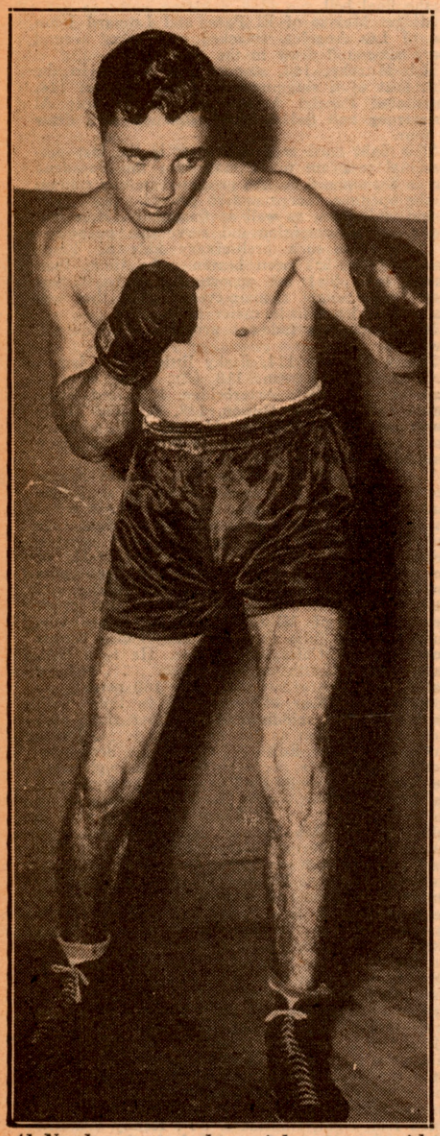
Mickey Hill knocked out Lon Brain, 7. Black Pico outpointed Jorge Lazo, 10.

Stumpy Butwell knocked out Bobby Powell, 11. Tiny Bostock outpointed Ivor Gravell, 8. Bunty Doran outpointed Jimmy Gill, 8.

Peter Fallon knocked out Moe Walker, 1. Charles Kerr outpointed Alex Murphy, 8. Tommy Burney knocked out Joe Cellins, 6. Kid Arceneaux knocked out Ace Dudley, 1.



Al Nettlow, star welterweight, now a middleweight, discharged from the Navy.

NOTICE TO WRESTLING PROMOTERS

Starting with the January issue, The Ring will resume carrying stories and photographs of the professional wrestlers. Promoters and managers are urged to send in biographical sketches or human interest yarns of matmen, especially the newcomers to the sport.

LATE FIGHT RESULTS

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Elmer (Violent) Ray knocked out Jimmy Gardner. Louis Long knocked out Jimmy Polk, 4. Henry Johnson knocked out by Charlie Roth, 2. Larry Lovett knocked out Jimmy Grinnage, 5.

Joe Kahut outpointed Fitzie Fitzpatrick, 10. Bernard McNally knocked out William Bell, 2.

LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHTS

Leon Szymurski outpointed Jimmy Long, 6.

Walter Woods outpointed Coley Welch, 10. Ern Clingan outpointed Jack Marr, 12. Jack Young outpointed Al Walker, 12.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Vinnie Jones knocked out Oscar Suggs, 9. Joe Blackwood outpointed Al (Red) Priest, 10. Billy Thompson knocked out Sid White, 2.

Pat Cubias knocked out Jack Marino, 5. Hockey Bennell and Del Conway, no contest, 11. Vincent Villavicencio outpointed Kid Lester, 10.

Art Taylor knocked out Ted Jamison, 3. Bobby Silva outpointed Henry Anderson, 4. Johnny Moran knocked out Maurice Cloutier, 4. Charley Sardo knocked out Ken Conley, 3. Lew Perez outpointed Leon Kennedy, 6. Jimmy McDonough outpointed Jimmy King, 6. Bobby Brown outpointed Willis Scott, 6. Johnny Finney drew with Archie Coles, 6.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Chuck Hunter outpointed Jackie Wilson, 10. George Sands knocked out Les Monty, 11. Kirk Warwick outpointed Johnny Gregg, 10. Bobby Richardson knocked out Mayon Padlo, 2. Bill Pascoe outpointed Young McGee, 4. Bobby Winters knocked out Jimmy Willis, 4. Ottie Graham knocked out Oscar Lewis, 3. Dan Robinson knocked out Sparky Reynolds, 5. Milt Varos won by default from Johnny Matthews, 1.

Frankie Ross drew with Kenny James, 8. Billy Tordiglione drew with Abie Kaufman, 8. Sal Richie outpointed Lou Valles, 8. Snowy Maguire knocked out Jack Kane, 4.

Bernie Reid outpointed Cliff Kenworthy, 6. Gene Boland outpointed Marty Doyle, 6. Bobbie Lancelotti knocked out Johnny Parvia, 2. Whalen Douglas outpointed Billy Napper, 6.

Joey Albanese outpointed Tom Collins, 8. Al Mobley outpointed Frank Feener, 6. Harry Prewton knocked out Ralph Turner, 2.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Charlie Ashenden won on foul from Tommy Johns, 12. Bob Fuller outpointed Don Conbear, 12. Ted Heiner outpointed Leo Heaney, 10. Frankie Leta outpointed Jimmy Rizzo, 8.

Al Michaud outpointed Bob Timpson. Pat Donovan outpointed Norm Peers, 4. Harry Thompson outpointed Mickey Walker, 6. Eddie Giosa outpointed Ellis Phillips, 8. Vinnie Vazzo outpointed Gene Leblanc, 8. Dick Czerniak knocked out Elwood Brown, 1. Al Jordan knocked out Juan Saragosa, 3.

Allie Stolz outpointed Pedro Firpo, 10. Carl (Red) Guggino knocked out Marcel Fournier. Patsy Giovanelli outpointed Eddie Dowl, 8.

Billy Brown outpointed Ernie Juno, 10. Mickey Tollis outpointed Jackie Green, 12. Max Brander outpointed Ken Harding, 6. Oscar St. Pierre knocked out Baby Tiger Flowers, 7.

Lenny Richards outpointed Jimmy Neil, 6. Eddie Germaine outpointed Jackie Pitts, 4. Joe Fernandez outpointed Lou Suliveres, 4. Joey Carkido knocked out Jimmy Cogman, 2. Pat Franco knocked out Pat Butler, 1. Patsy Zoccano outpointed Ray Parker, 4. Dave Andrews knocked out Vic Jade, 2. Frankie Waters knocked out Johnny Parvia, 1.

Frankie Moore knocked out Paul Lassiter, 1. Nathaniel Huskey outpointed Pete Perry, 4. Joe Nuccio outpointed Al Victoria, 6. Johnny Priest outpointed Ernie Cabral, 6. Eddie Prince knocked out Pat Kelly, 4. Charley Riley knocked out Chico Mar, 2. Al Velez knocked out Dan Belluccio, 1. Flash Gordon drew with Frank Conti, 4.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Eddie Miller knocked out Tommy Chapman, 10, winning Australian featherweight title. Joe Bissaker outpointed Leo Robbo, 12. Maurice LaChance outpointed Billy Carol. LaChance outpointed Jackie Savino, 8. Frank Alwood outpointed Jack Josephs, 6.

Bert White outpointed Reuben Sonorita, 10. Leroy Jackson outpointed Angel Aviles, 10. Paul Febbo outpointed Joe Griffo, 8.

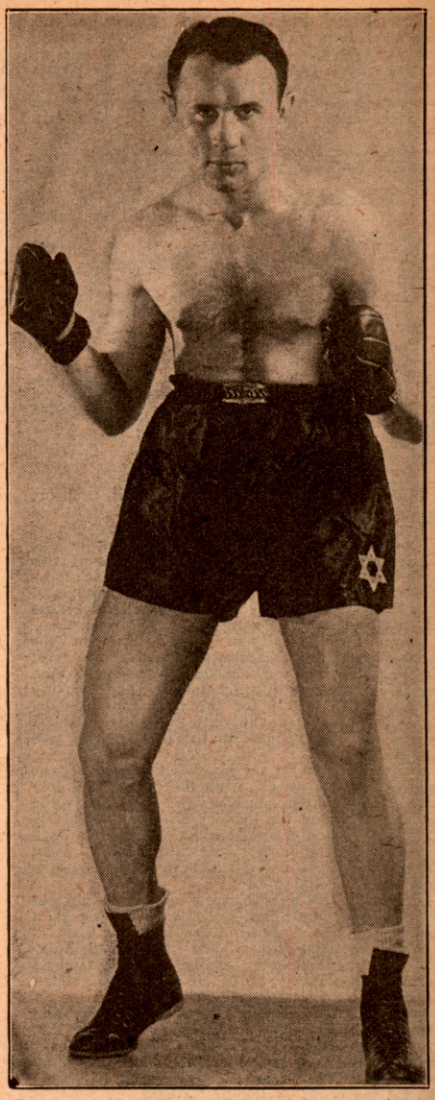
Eddie Miller knocked out Johnny King, 3. Bill Seddon outpointed Ken Williams, 6. Billy Price knocked out Jack Josephs, 4.

Joe Rodriguez outpointed Reds Hall, 6. Eddie Brent knocked out Art O'Dowd, 3. Kayo Morgan outpointed Joe Nelson, 6. Petey Virgin knocked out Joey Longo, 1. Charlie Celeste knocked out Al Plourde, 1. Tony Pontillo outpointed Nick Madden, 4. Ossie Rodriguez outpointed Lester Howe, 6.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Stan Mott knocked out George Hammell, 1. Al Briggs knocked out Arty Samuels, 6. Andy Hayward outpointed Jimmy Callura.

Bernie Dunne outpointed Allen Hall, 12. Ken Hansen outpointed Young Nelson, 6. Stan Mott outpointed Billy Williams, 8.



Georgie Abrams, middleweight contender, discharged from the Navy.

ADDITIONAL WASHINGTON, D. C., RESULTS

ACTION was the keynote at Turner's Arena with Oscar Wright and Domingo Russell supplying the dynamite at the bi-monthly show of Joe Turner. It was a real Pier Six brawl, with Russell on the verge of a kayo during the first two rounds. At the start of the third, the New Yorker started an attack that had Wright in bad shape at the end of six. During the 60-second lapse between rounds, Dr. John DeMayo of the Boxing Commission staff examined a deep gash over the left eye of Russell and ordered Referee Charley Reynolds to raise Wright's hand in victory. Whether Wright could have gone the distance is a matter of conjecture, and perhaps a rematch would give the answer. How about it, Gabe? Wright scaled 136 to Russell's 141½.

In the semi-final, Danny Petro, 132, Washington, kayoed Al Cella, 131½, New York City, in 1:48 of the third. The "Wallopin' Wop" had too many guns for Cella, who pulled up lame in the closing seconds of the second round.

In two sixes, Norville Gaddis, 141, Washington, finished Fernando Torres, 136½, Puerto Rico, in 1:32 of the second, while Jimmy McGriff, 142½, Washington, and Flattop Cummings, 147½, Washington, battled to a draw. In a scheduled four, Naaman Massey unveiled a good prospect in Eddie Lyles, 137½, Alexandria, Va., who knocked out Bobby Suma, 140, Washington, in 1:46 of the third in a sizzling good bout.

TO "RING" CORRESPONDENTS IN U. S. AND ABROAD

All correspondents of The Ring are urgently requested to send to Nat Fleischer the rating of the five best boys in each division in their locality. No name should appear in more than one division. Select the one in which the fighter does his best work. These will aid The Ring Editor in making up The Ring's Annual Rating of Boxers for 1945. These should be sent in no later than November 15. Your kind cooperation will be appreciated.

IN SAN FRANCISCO RINGS

By ROBERT VALLI

LUIS CASTILLO, Mexico's toy-bulldog, fought a sensational fifteen round draw with Tony Olivera, San Francisco state champ, in their seventh bout of a series with more to come. This battle was staged at the Civic Auditorium in Frisco before a $11,000 house gross and Tony's state bantamweight title was at stake.

As usual Olivera started slow, while the Mexican miniature Dempsey flayed away with both fists and floored Tony for a nine count in the third. The referee, who booted the decision, was Frankie Brown.

Weights, Olivera, 117¾, Castillo, 116.

In the semi-final, Al Botano and Speedy Cannon battled to a draw. This wasn't too thrilling, but it had its laughs. Cannon scaled 153, Botano, 151.

The fours were fast and fine. In one, Jess Flores, ex-amateur champ and unbeaten as pro, won over Boyken Bourgoise, Negro gamester, by a decision. Pete Pacheco, 128, won from Vernon Reis, who went against too much weight, experience, and punch in his first pro bout.

Oakland Billy Smith, state light-heavyweight champ, successfully defended his title by kayoing Kenny Watkins, Los Angeles challenger, in two of a 15 rounder held at the Oakland Auditorium.

The boys felt each other out in the first. Watkins was very fast and boxed well. In the second, Smith caught Watkins on the ropes with a well timed right. Watkins was dazed and reeling, Smith sensed his chance and went after his foe, another terrific blow floored the L. A. Negro, however, he managed to rise at the count of two. The champ easily dumped Kenny to the canvas again and as in the first knockdown, he arose quickly, instead of taking advantage of the short rest. When he arose the second time, Smith went after him but Referee Frank Brown halted it.

The prelims follow: Frankie Moore, Oakland crowd-pleaser, battered Harry Hitlian, Eastern lightweight, to win an eight-round decision. After the fight, Hitlian disclosed he had received a broken hand in the early rounds and couldn't fight in his best form.

Leroy Wade, Frisco middleweight, home on furlough from the Army, defeated Sammy Hughes, Detroit newcomer, in four.

Benny Calla, 137, TKO'ed Cal Robinson, 140, in five rounds. Robinson is another boy who made his first fight in quite a while.

In the opener, Jimmy Boggs, 163, sensational new prelims boy, flattened Tony Petro, 157, in one round.

In a dull fight, two usual crowd-pleasers, Jackie Burke, blond Navy boy, and Jack Hannon Porter, a sensation in Oakland, boxed through ten full rounds with Burke getting the ref's decision by a narrow margin.

Weights: Burke 169, Porter 172.

In the semi-final, there was a surprise upset when Irish Johnny Taylor, ancient welterweight, defeated highly favored Billy Harrison, San Francisco slugger, in eight rounds.

Taylor not only won the duke but floored Harrison three times to win handily. Harrison started by hurting Taylor in the first two sessions, but certainly received a lacing in the latter rounds.

Taylor weighed 150½, Harrison 150½.

Other results: Jimmy "Top Row" Allen, won a six round decision over Lincoln Stanley, Oakland veteran, in the special event.

Jimmy Boggs, unbeaten young middleweight, continued his winning ways by knocking out Vepe Watson, 152, fast-stepping Negro, in three rounds.

Nat Huskey, 140, scored a hard fought four round decision over Bobby Davis, 146½.

Tony Chavez, 134, sensational lightweight, banged out a sure ten round decision over Paul Rekayo, 134, San Jose crowd pleaser, at the San Jose Civic Auditorium.

Both have big followers in San Jose and the bout could have been for the city title. Chavez is a sensational crowd pleaser, a fast boxer and crafty ringman. We had Chavez winning eight rounds, Rekayo one and one even. The fight drew $2,295.

In the semi-windup, Walter "Cabey" Lewis, 130, kayoed Vic Young, 134, in three rounds. Lewis looked good in beating Young.

Sammy Hughes, 165, defeated Alonzo McDonald, 162, in four. Paul Guerrero, welterweight, decisioned Lloyd Wagoner in four.

Chet Slider, Fresno flash, proved to be Oakland's leading welterweight by scoring a first round knockout over Earl Turner, Bay Area's pre-war great, at the Oakland Auditorium.

The end came in 1:55 and much to the amazement of the $15,298 house, who expected to see an action-packed bout for ten rounds.

Before the kayo wallop was delivered, Turner connected twice with hard blows on Chet's jaw, but the Fresnoan came pouring in continually.

In the semi-windup, Joe Gorman, veteran crowd-pleaser, outslugged and outfought Walter "Cabey" Lewis in six rounds. The fight was close and many booed the ref's decision.

Leroy Bolden, Vallejo hard-hitter, and Booker T. Washington, 164, making a return to the ring wars, staged a bruising battle, with Bolden finally flattening his foe in the fourth. Washington was handed a terrific walloping, but managed to remain upright and fought back until the fourth session.

Bobby Silva, 154, won a four-round decision over Henry Anderson, 153, in a good fight.

In the opener, Jimmy Boggs, 161, slugged four to a draw with Chris Clark, 156. Both boys hit the deck for counts.

In Madison Square Garden, Danny Bartfield broke his hand in the sixth round of his bout with Willie Joyce and refused to answer the bell for the seventh round. In San Francisco on the same night, Al Coutoure, hard-hitting, game soldier boy, in his fight with Tommy Egan, local Irish favorite, broke his right hand in the third round when he hit Egan on the side of the head and despite all his pain, Coutoure refused to let his managers halt the contest.

After going seven rounds with a broken hand, the fight was given to Egan on a disputed decision. The fans paid $8,636.40. I believe Coutoure should be given a rematch after his hand heals. He proved to be one of the gamest lads in the ring today. A gamecock all the way!

Weights: Coutoure 149, the same for Egan.

In the semi-final, "Tiny" Lee, one of the biggest mitt slingers in the world, kayoed Billy Gilbert, a small lad, in 14 seconds of the first round. Lee, who stands 6 ft. 7 ins., and weighs 265 pounds, looks like a true giant. He and Big Ben Moroz are the biggest boxers I have ever seen. Gilbert was knocked cold with one right to the jaw. He weighed 225.

The fours: Nat Huskey, 139½, and Bobby Davis, 146, went four to a draw. We thought Huskey had the better of it. Tony Pedro, 154, slugged to a draw with Henry Anderson, 151½, in four. Hal Minor, 149, defeated Billy Seymour, 145, in the opener.

Luis Castillo, Mexico's little Dempsey, finally hit the win column in Frisco by kayoing Larry Bolvin, highly touted Boston vet, in nine rounds at the Civic Auditorium. Castillo had previously been robbed of a win over Tony Olivera. His sensational furious attack is liked by all and the more Frisco fans see him the more they want to see him again.

Luis put the Boston Italian away with a hard right to the body in the ninth round. Previous to the knockout, Bolvin was ahead on points. The first really hard right to the stomach finished Bolvin.

Bolvin scaled 123, Castillo 121. Gross receipts were $5,305.15.

In the semi-final, Lincoln Stanley, 149, Oakland Negro, finished Bob Ferris, 147, of Los Angeles, in less than a round of a sixer. Ferris came hereabouts claiming a good record and many thought Stanley was in for trouble, but the fight, oh, it was different! Referee Billy Burke wisely stopped the bout as Bob was outclassed.

Nat Huskey, 135½, won a four round nod over Bobby Davis, 146, Oakland, without too much trouble. Leroy Willis, 137, Negro lightweight, scored a second round TKO over Ace Williams, 137, in a fight of knockdowns. Willis was floored first early in the opening heat, but came back and dropped the Ace twice before the round ended. In the second Williams, an easy target, was floored twice before being stopped.

In the opener, Bob Wyman, 152½, kayoed Lee Collor, 154, in the first round.

The very unpredictable Irish Johnny Taylor, Oakland veteran, scored a surprise knockout victory over Billy Harrison, up-and-coming slugger, in seven rounds at Oakland's Auditorium. Taylor, who looks good, bad, and indifferent on fight nights, was extremely good in taking the youthful Negro comer.

Taylor copped the fourth, with the fifth going to Harrison. In the sixth, Taylor floored Harrison for a six-count, but failed to put on the finisher.

In the seventh, Taylor again dropped him, but he arose at ten, however, he was so badly outclassed that Referee Toby Irwin called a halt. The gross for the house was $5,466.

In the eight-round semi-final, Melvin Bartholomew, 140, New Orleans Negro, belted out a fast decision over Jimmy Florita, veteran Filipino, in a good fight. The newcomer easily outclassed the Stockton boy, scoring a knock-down in the final session. By clinching and moving away Florita staved off a knockout.

In the sixer, Paulie Jackson, southpaw heavyweight, clowned and punched to a win over Doug Ellison, 188, Oakland Negro. It was a hard-punching fight.

Bobby Wyman, 154, and Bobby Silva, 154, slugged to a sensational draw.

Chris Clark, 156, won a decision from Vepe Watson, 155, in the opener.

George Giambastiani, big Italian heavy, scored a six round knockout over Al Ware, barrel-chested Oaklander, in the main go at National Hall. Referee Billy Burke called halt.

Weights were George 218, Ware 204.

Prelims: Eddie Halligan, 154, was leading on points over Pedro Jiminez, 153, in the fifth, when he received a bad cut eye and the bout was stopped. The decision was a draw.

Major Kaegle, 167, kayoed Johnny Roland, 164, in one of a fourer. Billy Carlisle, 143, decisioned Billy Seymour, 140, in four.

In one of Frisco's biggest bouts in some time, Lloyd Marshall, Sacramento boxing master, proved too experienced for Fitzie Fitzpatrick, Cleveland kayo artist, and flattened the Irish slugger in five rounds at the Civic Auditorium.

For three rounds the battle was thrilling, first one, then the other, would be on the verge of a kayo. At the end of three sessions, Marshall had an edge, but he really pulled away in the fourth and fifth.

In the fifth, Marshall dropped the ex-coal miner for the full count, from a barrage of blows. It looked as if Fitzpatrick might have been able to get up, but he must have known it wouldn't have done him any good. The damage had been done.

Lloyd, who seldom wins by a kayo, was in great shape and fought beautifully against his rough, tough foe. This corner figures experience was the main factor.

Marshall weighed 169, as did Fitzie.

In the semi-final, Ray Acosta, Los Angeles Negro vet, TKO'ed Duncan Curry, also of L. A., in one round of a sixer. A cut eye spelled Curry's downfall.

Al Botano, 159, decisioned Lincoln Stanley, 157, in six. The bout was hard fought, even though Botano had five rounds. Al made Stanley miss plenty.

Tony Petro, 154, defeated Henry Anderson, 153, in a fast four. Gil Mojica, 170, ex-amateur champ, kayoed Edwin Keller, 170, in the first. Gil scored two knockdowns, to easily beat the Negro. Matchmaker Jimmy Murray, having no main-eventers, featured a "talent show" with five six-rounders. The best six being between Billy Harrison, Negro gamecock, and Ross Gomer, hard-hitting Mexican vet, with Romero coming home the winner.

These two crowd pleasers put on a slow-bang sensational show. Harrison copped the first two rounds handily, making Romero bleed from a cut over his left eye. He also floored Ross for nine seconds in round two. It looked as if Romero would be finished in the third, but then the tide of battle changed. Romero tried for a kayo in the third, probably thinking it was his only chance. In the remaining three rounds, caution was thrown to the winds. In the sixth, Billy was down twice, which was Romero's margin of victory. A rematch here is certain for the bout was the best seen in a long time.

In the last six, Hal Blackshear, 206, San Francisco Negro, stopped Al Ware, 209, in five rounds. Blackshear won after a slow dull fight. It was Ware's second kayo in one week.

Other bouts: Charlie Catos, 156, won a decision over Edgar Robinson, 154½, Los Angeles. Catos, a vastly improved fighter, floored Edgar in the first and didn't have too much trouble winning. Willie Jones, 140, surprised by licking Melvin Bartholomew, 139, New Orleans Negro. The Los Angeles kid won in good style, but the bout was nothing sensational. In the opener, Al Botano, 149, and Lincoln Stanley, 145, drew. The bout was a rematch. It was hotly contested.

SHORT JABS: Verne Bybee, Ray Lunny, Bobby Richards, Gil Mojica, Willie Calhoun, Richie Shinn, and Mickey Willis, all local battlers, have been given discharges from the armed forces during the last month. . . . The two best, Bybee and Lunny, are great rivals and may meet again in the ring. Fred Apostoli also is training for a comeback. It looks as if Frisco's boxing boom is on, and with fighters like Joe Louis, Billy Conn, Tony Zale, Gus Lesnevich, and Freddie Cockrane back in civvies, next summer looks to be a record-breaking season. . . . Cecilio Lozada, pleasing Mexican middleweight, is in the gym planning a comeback for the near future. Lozada is a crowd-pleaser, so he should get some good battles. . . . Johnny Mattero, another North Beach Italian, is in the Coast Guard now, but is planning to return to the ring after his release. . . . Johnny Erjavec, heavyweight of a few years past, is hard at work training a young, blond-haired, heavyweight named Billy Gove. Gove is still an amateur and is very green, but he's willing and maybe that's what Erjavec needs to teach the rest.

Tut Tabor, outstanding E.T.O. middleweight, is all set to start his ring career again in Oakland. "King Tut," as they call him in Europe, will be handled by Joe Ray and Harry Fine . . . Harry Fine, top Oakland fight manager, is importing Ornelia Agramonte, Cuban middleweight and lightheavy, who is coming soon. Ornelia is in Mexico City now, where they say he is going great . . . Johnny Munro, Oakland manager, is growing one of Oakland's big stables. Before not too long he should have 20 to 25 battlers. His newest lad is a lightweight named Emilio Rodriquez . . . Jackie Jurich, now in the Navy, may get a discharge soon. He is a former flyweight champ and a darn good battler in his day . . . Remember when this corner told you to watch a kid named Tony Chavez? Well, this Tony is going great, he just finished shellacking (Fancy Pants) Rekayo, in ten. Chavez should be brought to Frisco, whataya say Levy, Scaler? . . . Sheik Rangel, Fresno welterweight, defeated Rocky Luciano, New York, in ten at Fresno. It was Rangel's third comeback fight . . . This writer's name is Bob Valli, 1910 Mason Street, San Francisco, 11, California.

BROADCAST FROM NEW YORK

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MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, most important sports arena in the world and boxing's outstanding amphitheater, is about to celebrate its twentieth anniversary. It was on December 11, 1925, that the Garden held its first boxing show, a program headlined by a light-heavyweight title event between Paul Berlenbach, champion, and Jack Delaney, challenger. Berlenbach got up off the floor after a fourth-round knockdown to retain his title—although on a later date—July 16, 1926—Oom Paul lost his crown to this same Delaney. But that happened in Brooklyn and not at the Garden.

The Berlenbach-Delaney boxing show was not the first sports event, however, to take place at the Garden. There was an informal opening on November 28, 1925, the attraction being a six-day bike race. The formal opening took place on December 15, and here, too, it was a sport other than boxing that was staged. This time it was hockey and a gala occasion it was. For some 17,000 packed the arena to see Les Canadiens and New York open the hockey season.

It is an old story now that Madison Square Garden is not at Madison Square nor is it a garden. The name, of course, was merely transferred from the old Garden which was situated at Madison Square, 26th Street and Madison Avenue. This building was torn down for the construction of the New York Life Insurance Building. The present Garden, between 49th and 50th Street and Eighth Avenue, cost approximately $5,500,000. It has a seating capacity for boxing of about 18,500, although as many as 23,190 (including standees) were present the night Fritzie Zivic knocked out Henry Armstrong on January 17, 1941.

Despite the great variety of events which have taken place at the new Garden, it is as a boxing center that the structure is best known—and that is as it should be because it was mainly for boxing that the arena was erected. The new Garden was the dream of the late Tex Rickard and is known to this day as The House that Tex Built. Mike Jacobs took over the Garden boxing rights in 1937 and since then has established the Garden more firmly than ever as the hub around which world boxing revolves. It has long been true that as boxing goes in the Garden it goes everywhere else. Right now the sport is flourishing at the Garden and it is doing better than all right throughout the rest of the country.

Your RING reporter hasn't checked accurately the number of championship fistic events that have been held in the Garden ring but the figure must be close to 50. Seven of these were heavyweight title matches, Joe Louis having successfully defended his crown against Nathan Mann, John Henry Lewis, Arturo Godoy, Johnny Paychek, Red Burman, Buddy Baer, and Abe Simon. Of these, only Godoy was able to go the full 15 rounds. Louis's meeting with Buddy Baer was for the benefit of Army Emergency Relief and drew $189,700. but this mark did not equal the record, set by Jim Maloney and Jack Delaney on February 18, 1927—$201,613. For "Little" men, the record is held by Beau Jack and Al Davis whose meeting on March 17, 1944 drew $132,823.

Today, more than ever, the Garden is the goal of all fighters, for $100,000 gates are no longer a rarity. Rocky Graziano has been a principal in two bouts so far this season which have gone beyond that figure. There are other $100,000 attractions and there will be more.

Mike Jacobs' designation of Lou Burston as his European representative is considered a smart move by New York boxing men. . . . Burston, who was planning a trip to Europe as this edition of THE RING went to press, is well known in boxing circles both in England and on the Continent. . . . He was closely associated with the late Jeff Dickson in Paris promotions, and he was responsible for the importation to this country of many outstanding boxers, notably Rene DeVos, Belgian middleweight, and Pedro Montanez, Puerto Rican lightweight who did considerable boxing in Paris before being brought to the United States. . . . Burston will scout talent for Jacobs throughout Europe and he has also been assigned the job of arranging two separate tours, one for Joe Louis and one for Billy Conn. . . . The plan is for the world champion and the leading challenger to appear in the leading European cities in exhibitions.

Many boxing managers are beseeching Ray Arcel to return to boxing as a trainer. . . . Arcel has long been regarded as one of the best trainers in the game but left boxing to engage in another business. . . . He continued to serve as Tony Janiro's trainer but steadfastly refused to interest himself in any other boxer. . . . He may change his mind. . . . Freddie Sommers, fight manager just released from the Army, appears to have a good prospect in Tim Dalton, Chicago lightweight who celebrated his debut as a pro by whipping Joey Carkido at the Garden. . . . Dalton, still in service, has engaged in 140 amateur bouts and was on the same Golden Gloves team as Tony Janiro.

Freddie (Red) Cochrane, world welterweight champion, is to be commended for his decision to go back to school to further his education. . . . Cochrane is now a student at Seton Hall College in South Orange, N. J., registering there under the G.I. Bill of Rights. . . . He is studying History, English, French, Religion, Public Speaking, and Physical Education. . . . Cochrane has always been an intelligent young man. . . . When he enlisted in the Navy, before Pearl Harbor, Gene Tunney described him as "one of the most articulate fighters" he had ever met. . . . Despite Jimmy Carollo's one-round knockout by Arturo Godoy in Norfolk, Va., Chris Dundee, Norfolk promoter, says Carollo is still popular in that city and will show there again as soon as the cut over his eye, caused by an accidental butt, is healed. . . . But there are many people in boxing who think Carollo should hang up his gloves. . . . Mike Jacobs is talking about opening a gymnasium at the St. Nicholas Arena. . . . Billy Conn celebrated his 28th birthday on October 8 by appearing as a guest star on the Bob Hope program.

A letter to this department from Cpl. Irwin Goldie says that the most promising ring youngster in France is 20-year-old Raymond Famechon, a featherweight. . . . Famechon is undefeated and has beaten both the French and Spanish lightweight champions. . . . The feat accomplished by Frankie Donato, Philadelphia lightweight, when he knocked out two opponents in one night at West Springfield, Mass. (Donato substituted for two preliminary boxers who failed to appear), reminded boxing men of the incident noted in Nat Fleischer's All-Time Ring Record Book—that of Ernest Del Rio, Garfield middleweight, who flattened Billy Miller in two rounds at Elizabeth a few years ago. . . . Trying the Strong Man feat, Del Rio then went on again, a half hour after his victory, but this time he met disaster, being halted in the second round by Jack Fawlkes.

Introduced from the ring at Madison Square Garden just before the Chalky Wright-Humberto Zavala contest, Sgt. Joe Louis and Cpl. Billy Conn received a tremendous ovation from the audience. . . . It was Conn's first appearance at the Garden, even for an introduction, since his return from Europe a few weeks before. . . . Louis managed to get to a number of Garden shows while stationed at Camp Shanks. . . . Louis, incidentally, was signally honored in ceremonies at Fort Hamilton in Brooklyn when he was awarded the Legion of Merit Medal. . . . The presentation was made by Maj. Gen. Clarence H. Kells, commanding general of the New York Port of Embarkation. . . . Kells termed Louis "a model soldier" and cited his entertainment of 2,000,000 soldiers in this country and overseas "by boxing in frequent exhibitions which entailed considerable risk to his future as heavyweight champion". . . . Louis and Conn also appeared on the Angott-Williams card in Pittsburgh where Louis refereed a bout and Conn boxed an exhibition.

Among those getting a discharge from the Army is Buddy Baer who got his release papers at Camp Lee, Va. . . . He was a staff sergeant. . . . It is extremely doubtful whether Buddy will box again although there is periodic talk that both Buddy and his brother Max may try a comeback. . . . Other recent dischargees who are back in action include Patsy Giovanelli, New York lightweight; Al (Boom Boom) Mancini, Youngstown, Ohio, welterweight; Marty Servo, Schenectady welterweight; Tony Marteliano, New York welterweight; Sonny Horne, Ohio middleweight; Artie Levine, Brooklyn middleweight; Vinnie Rossano, Brooklyn middleweight; Marty Clark, New York heavyweight; Nathan Mann, New Haven heavyweight; Danny Kapilow, Bronx welterweight; California Jackie Wilson, Cleveland welterweight; Jimmy Edgar, Detroit welterweight.

Never has the Madison Square Garden ring been the scene of such wild disorder as that which followed Rocky Graziano's knockout of Harold Green in the third round of what was scheduled as a ten. After outpointing Graziano by a shade during the first two rounds Green was suddenly hit with a left hook midway in the third. The hook was followed by a short right cross and Green went flat on his back. He tried several times to rise but fell back each time. Referee Ruby Goldstein tolled off the ten-count and just as he reached ten Green, with a desperate effort, rolled over and jumped to his feet. Goldstein had just signalled the fight over, however, and sought to escort Green to his corner.

In an instant bedlam reigned in the Garden ring. Referees, managers, seconds, spectators, and cops were flailing away at each other as Green, seeking to break away from his handlers to get at Graziano again, dragged them across the ring. It was an explosive situation but finally a semblance of order was restored and, after a few moments, Green was prevailed upon to walk across the ring and to offer his hand in congratulation to Graziano.

There was no question but that Green had lost his head completely for a while. He insisted he had arisen before Goldstein's count reached ten but it was generally agreed by the knockdown timekeeper, the regular timekeeper, and the great majority of spectators that Green's glove was still on the canvas when the count finished. Then there were those who said that the count seemed unusually fast. And there were those who felt that Goldstein was cutting things a little fine and could have allowed the contest to continue but, once having indicated the fight was over, there was nothing the referee could do about allowing it to go on again.

The tension in the Garden was terrific from the start. The largest crowd of the year, 18,592, filled the vast arena and paid a record gate for the year of $103,970. Prior to the fight many stories were circulated, one to the effect that Green was sick. In consequence Green was examined twice, once at the regular weighing-in ceremonies, and again at the Garden an hour before the fight. He was found fit on both occasions.

Green had met Graziano twice last winter and had won the decision each time. Yet Graziano was a strong favorite in the third contest which was perhaps understandable from the fact that Rocky had registered four impressive kayoes in a row at the Garden, bowling over Billy Arnold, Al Davis, and Freddie (Red) Cochrane twice. Still, the mere fact that Graziano was favored over the man who had outpointed him twice led to

many rumors, all of them groundless. Graziano fought Green just as he had fought Cochrane. He took punches, he missed many shots of his own.

But these did not discourage him because Graziano is a patient performer and he always figures that sooner or later in a ten-round bout his big opening will come. In this fight it came just after the referee had cautioned Green about a low punch. The boys touched gloves in the center of the ring and sparred off. Graziano shot a right uppercut that missed widely. A few seconds later he tossed a left hook. Green stepped back. That was a mistake. The punch stunned him for an instant and then Graziano shot home the right cross that ended the fight. Graziano weighed 153 pounds, Green 150¾.

Larry Fontana, a recent dischargee from the Army, returned to ring action to take the decision from Billy Walker, Sayville, Conn., in six rounds. Fontana weighed 161, Walker 160¼. In another six, Joey Barnum, 140½, Chicago, made his New York debut by knocking out Juan Carrera, 134½, Puerto Rico, in 2:07 of the last round. Diogenes Leon, 122, Puerto Rico, outpointed Georgie Cooper, 128½, New York, in a third six. Anthony Ferrara, 132, Brooklyn, defeated Joe (Young) Griffo, 131, Newark, in four rounds. Tim Dalton, 132¾, Chicago, won from Joey Carkido, 134, in another four; Clarence Wilkinson, 162, scored over Billy Johnson, 160, in the four-rounder which followed the main event.

The venerable Chalky Wright, of Los Angeles, and the fiery Humberto Zavala, of Mexico, put on a good show at Madison Square Garden when the two lightweights were rushed in to replace the originally scheduled Tony Janiro-Johnny Greco encounter. On the day before the contest Janiro came down with a bad arm infection and had to ask a postponement. Matchmaker Nat Rogers, of the Twentieth Century, scurried around and came up with the substitute match that proved eminently satisfactory to the 9,072 fans who paid $26,479 to see the show. Wright won the decision and rightly so, despite the booing that marked the announcement of the verdict in Chalky's favor. But Zavala made it a corking contest all the way, even under the handicap of a badly cut left eye which he suffered midway in the contest. At the end of the seventh round Referee Billy Cavanagh called in Dr. William Walker to examine the wound but the doctor ordered the bout to continue.

The experienced Wright paced his man well. In only one round, the sixth, did Chalky seem to be in trouble. In that session the Mexican put on a strong rally and backed Wright into the ropes where he punched furiously at the former featherweight champion. But Chalky weathered that storm and came back to win the seventh, eighth, and ninth with something to spare. Zavala rallied again in the tenth but by then it was too late. Wright wasted few shots during the fight, landed many effective right hands which stopped Zavala in his tracks. At the end, Cavanagh had it four rounds for Wright, three for Zavala, and three even. Both the judges, Marty Monroe and Frank Forbes, had it seven rounds to three for Wright. Weighing 132, Wright gave away six pounds.

The preliminary bouts produced a set of lively tussles. Joe Sandy Saddler, 120½, Harlem, won from Richie Miyashiro, 126, Honolulu, in a six-rounder. In another six, Victor Flores, 120, Mexico City, gained the verdict over Juan Carrero, 136, Puerto Rico. This was a wild-swinging affair in the midst of which Referee George Walsh went to the canvas when he slipped in a corner. Stanley Sims, 148, Harlem, defeated Leo Romanello, 142, Brooklyn, cutting Romanello up so badly he was not permitted to answer the bell for the fifth. In the final six-rounder, Burl Charity, 152, Youngstown, Ohio, outpointed Enrique Lopez, 144½, Mexico City. The opening four, between Joey Carkido, 133, Youngstown, and Nick Primiani, 136, Montreal, was won by Carkido on a decision. Among the spectators were Sgt. Joe Louis and Cpl. Billy Conn who received a tremendous reception from the audience when introduced by Harry Balogh. Also introduced was Major Jack Sims, of the Newcastle Army Air Base, one of the pilots on the original Doolittle raid over Tokyo.

Hardly anyone was there to see it, but the scheduled ten-round contest between Jacob LaMotta, Bronx middleweight, and Georgie Kochan, of Akron, Ohio, produced one of the best fights of the season at Madison Square Garden. Displaying his best punching form, LaMotta won by a knockout in 54 seconds of the ninth round. From the opening bell it was a slugfest to delight the heart of every fan. Perhaps because the radio kept announcing storm warnings all afternoon, perhaps because the show took place just after the Jewish Yom Kippur, or perhaps because Monday night shows at the Garden didn't seem to catch on, only 5,972 fans, smallest Garden crowd of the year, turned out, the receipts totalling only $14,679.

However, the few who did attend were rewarded with a slam-bang contest in which first one and then the other had the upper hand, with LaMotta's tremendous endurance proving the deciding factor. The fight was the third between the pair and was LaMotta's third triumph. The first two meetings took place in Detroit. At the start of the third meeting it looked as though Kochan was going to turn the tables on his Bronx foe. For the better part of three rounds he repeatedly beat LaMotta to the punch, both from long range and in close. But the pace began to tell on Kochan after that and he showed definite signs of tiring. Once LaMotta felt Kochan weakening he put new fire in his offensive, hammered his opponent relentlessly and dropped him to the floor just before the bell ending the eighth. Kochan tried hard to ward off a knockout as the ninth opened but LaMotta charged after him and sent him sprawling for the count with a left hook. LaMotta weighed 162½, Kochan one pound more.

The six-round semi-final was a lively tussle in which Wilfe Shanks, 159, Montreal, was given the decision over Billy Walker, 160¼, Portland, Ore. The verdict did not go very well with the spectators. Another good six-rounder saw Jimmy McAllister, 130½, Baltimore, gaining the edge over Baby Al Brown, 134, Panama. Frankie Gromada, 142, New York, won from Pete Martin, 147, Bronx, in a third six-rounder. Three four-rounders completed the program. In one, Bernie Bernard, 130½, New York, halted Lou Prince, 128½, Princeton, N. J., in 1:07 of the second; Lucio Lima, 141, Jamaica, L. I., outpointed Leon Johnson, 136, New York; and Irving Magid, 122½, Bronx, won from Young Tony, 121, Newark.

Danny Bartfield, highly-touted New York lightweight, proved a dismal disappointment in his main event meeting with Willie Joyce, of Gary, Ind., at Madison Square Garden. Bartfield was no match at all for the skillful Joyce and Danny's manager, Willie (Ketchum) Friedland, asked Referee Ruby Goldstein to stop the contest at the end of the sixth round. The reason, according to the announcement made over the loudspeaker by Harry Balogh, was that Bartfield had injured his right hand in the first round. This drew a chorus of boos from the audience, which was understandable since no one could recall seeing Bartfield throw his right hand in the first round. He did throw a right, in the second, that landed high on Joyce's head and perhaps that was the punch which caused the damage. But in the dressing-room it was revealed that Bartfield's left hand was also badly bruised.

Joyce was Bartfield's master from the opening bell. His left jab, always the most important weapon in the Joyce armament, was at its topmost best in effectiveness. During the second and third rounds Danny tried to cut loose with left hooks but the Indiana fighter was much too good for him and during the fourth, fifth, and sixth sessions subjected Bartfield to a thorough lacing. The closing seconds of the sixth were particularly distressing to Bartfield and when he returned to his corner at the end of the round, Ketchum told Referee Goldstein that his fighter could not continue. Joyce scaled 138 pounds to 137¼ for Bartfield. The attendance was 13,071 and the receipts $51,667.

The preliminaries all went the scheduled distances. In one of the six-rounders Henry Majcher, 144, Pittsburgh, took the decision from Al Seidman, 150, Scranton, Pa. A second six, hard-fought all the way, brought victory to J. C. Wilkens, 160½, Bronx, over Bobby Brown, 163¾, Philadelphia. In the third bout over this route, Archie Devino, 122, Long Island City, triumphed for the second time in three fights over Frank Pucci, 117, Montreal. In the four-rounders, Joe Nuccio, 140¾, New Orleans, outpointed Morton Klein, 142¼, Bronx; Al Victoria, 136, Harlem, defeated Artie DiPietro, 137½, New York; and Leonard Flocco, 112, Bronx, won from Don Scanlon, 117, Ozone Park, L. I.

For seven rounds of a featured ten on a program opening the St. Nicholas Arena season, Freddie Schott, Paterson, N. J., heavyweight, found the going exceedingly rough against Johnny Thomas, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Up to the start of the eighth it was a blistering slugging match in which Thomas more than held his own. Then Schott's persistent body pounding, plus his big edge in weight—he scaled 209½ to Thomas's 182, began to tell. A hard right under the heart in the eighth sent Thomas to the canvas for an eight-count. The bell came to his rescue. In the ninth Thomas hit the floor twice for nine-counts and then, just a few seconds before the end of the round, he went down for a full count, Referee Benny Leonard tolling off the numbers. The time was 2:54. The contest marked Schott's 42d as a professional. He has won 41, has fought one draw. Receipts were $5,281, paid by 2,971 spectators.

In six-round preliminaries, Victor Moreno, 137¾, Venezuela, triumphed over Frank Kruski, 141¾, Hempstead, L. I.; and Tony DeRosa, 152½, Corona, L. I., outpointed Jim Kennedy, 149, Brooklyn. The four-rounders saw Bernie Krashin, 131, Brooklyn, winning from Danny Ventrano, 130½, Bronx; Tony Ferrara, 132, New York, outpointing Ellie Simley, 135, Harlem; Leo Milito, 128½, New York, defeating Georgie Morris, 124, Philadelphia; and Billy Hurd, 138, Harlem, scoring over Louis Suliveres, 134½, Bronx.

The closing bout of the season at the Fort Hamilton Arena was fought on a chilly October night but the hardy souls who turned out saw a good fight in which Vinnie Rossano, Brooklyn welterweight, gained the decision over George (Red) Doty, of Hartford. Rossano has been doing right well for himself since he resumed action following his discharge from the service and in the Doty contest displayed all his old form. He weighed 148, Doty 152. Filberto Osario, 124, Puerto Rico, won from Manny Cardillo, 122, Mexico, in a six-rounder; Johnny Smith, 162, Boston, outpointed Vic Chambers, 161, Morristown, N. J., in another six; Mike Konnors, 130, Brooklyn, defeated Jackie Pitts, 128, Philadelphia, on a kayo in the second round; and Lee Black, 156, Harlem, won from Roto Ramos, 155, Mexico, in four rounds.

The driving fists of Jerry Fiorello, Brooklyn middleweight, brought him another impressive victory in a scheduled ten-rounder at the Ridgewood Grove. Opposing Marvin Bryant, of Dallas, Texas, Fiorello chalked up a knockout win when Referee Jed Gahan stopped the contest in the sixth round. Midway in the third stanza Fiorello dropped Bryant with a short hook. Bryant took a nine count. The same thing happened in the fourth. Gradually Bryant weakened under the force of Fiorello's sharp blows and finally, when the Texan suffered a bad cut over the left eye in the sixth frame, Gahan halted the contest. Fiorello scaled 161, Bryant 161½.

The semi-final was a six-rounder between Johnny Smith, 158, Boston, and Lew Perez, 159½, Puerto Rico, Smith winning the decision. In other scheduled sixers, Jerry Forlano, 164¾, New York, outpointed Hugh Murphy, 161½, Florida; and Rocco Lescio, 139, Brooklyn, defeated Jimmy Mason, 137, Newark, N. J. The opening four-round bout saw Patsy Zoccano, 141½, Montreal, triumph over Frankie Keith, 144½, New York.

Joe Bennett, 154½, Bronx, registered a unanimous decision over Frankie Terry, 160½, Brooklyn, in a feature event of eight rounds at the Broadway Arena. The margin to each fighter in each of the eight rounds was clear cut and all three officials, the referee and two judges, came up with identical scorecards, five rounds to Bennett, three to Terry. Bennett's superiority came in his body pounding. Occasionally he would shift effectively to the head and in the second round opened a cut over Terry's left eye.

The semi-final, also of eight rounds, went to Pat Giordano, 150, Toronto, his victim being Solomon Stewart, 150½, Providence, R. I. Billy Johnson, 161, Wilmington, Del., came through successfully in his six-round meeting with Burl Charity, 156, Youngstown, Ohio, Johnson winning the decision. George Baltieri, 141, Brooklyn, knocked out Steve Bilko, 143, Sayreville, N. J., in 2:28 of the second round of a scheduled four; and Tony Bertucci, 151, Brooklyn, defeated Jimmy Parks, 151, Brooklyn, in another four. A scheduled bout between Al Baltieri and Frankie Keith had to be cancelled with Keith reported sick.

Phil Palmer, Vancouver, B. C., welterweight, who has turned in many fine performances hereabouts, turned in another one at the Westchester County Center in White Plains where he won a unanimous decision over Vic Costa, of the Bronx, in a feature of eight rounds. A near-capacity crowd which paid $5,100 saw Palmer, scaling 140 to Costa's 141, take command at the start and pile up a substantial lead.

In the scheduled six-round semi-final, Eddie Murphy, 135½, Bronx, knocked out Patsy Zoccano, 140, Montreal, in 2:47 of the fifth. It was Murphy's 14th straight pro victory. Jimmy Jennette, 118½, Kentucky, outpointed Jimmy Callura, 119½, Hamilton, Ont., in another six. A third sixer saw Richie Miyashiro, 126, Hawaii, triumph over Mike Gravino, 125½, Hamilton, Ont. Frankie Palermo, 133, Bronx, defeated Fred Yaeger, 136, Port Chester, N. Y., in four; Julie Cross, 154, Brooklyn, halted Kenny Reid, 154, Worcester, Mass., in 1:29 of the third round of another four, and in the opener Benny Davis, 155, Port Chester, outpointed Tony Bertucci, 150¾, Brooklyn.

Exhibiting superb boxing skill, Jimmy Doyle, Los Angeles welterweight, gained the decision over Johnny Green, of Buffalo, after ten rounds of an interesting bout at the St. Nicholas Arena. Doyle, one of the foremost contenders for world welterweight honors, picked off Green's hardest wallops in the style of a Jack Johnson and kept flicking his own left into Green's face to pile up an overwhelming margin of points. Green, a fairly capable boxer in his own right, tried every trick at his command to break through the solid defense of the Coast welterweight, to no avail. In the fourth round Doyle swung wild with a right which landed low and he was penalized the round by Barney Felix, the referee. That was the only round Doyle lost on the scorecard of Judge Marty Monroe. The referee and the other judge, Tommy Shortell, each voted eight rounds for Doyle, two for Green. A crowd of 3,791, paying $9,050, saw the show. Doyle scaled 148, Green 144¾.

In an exciting six-rounder, Leo Milito, 129½, New York, continued his winning ways by taking the verdict from Nick Primiani, 136, Montreal. A scheduled six between Johnny King, 154½, Brooklyn, and Pete Geno, 154½, New York, was won by King on a knockout in 2:51 of the second. Following the main event, Sam Barudi, 159, South Carolina, outpointed Billy Johnson, 161, Brooklyn, in six. One of the scheduled fours, between Lou Prince, 131¼, Harlem, and Bernie Krashin, 131¼, New York, went to Prince on a kayo in 2:47 of the last round. Joey Carkido, 132¾, defeated Patsy Zoccano, 137¾, Montreal, in a four; and Lou

Suliveres, 134½, Bronx, won from Jimmy Cogman, 133, Newark, in another four.

Still showing the scars of the shrapnel wounds he received in Italy, wounds that had him hospitalized for eight months, Lenny (Boom Boom) Mancini, Youngstown, Ohio, boxer, returned to fistic action in a feature eight-round bout at the Broadway Arena and turned in a convincing victory over Stanley Sims, of Macon, Ga. Before donning a uniform Mancini competed as a lightweight. But in his initial appearance since resuming ring campaigning he scaled 154½. Sims weighed 150½. Mancini indicated that he will need a lot of work to get his weight down but, considering his long absence from the ring, he displayed surprising form and won practically every round.

The semi-final was also listed for eight rounds and brought together Henry Lopez, 144½, Mexico, and Jackie Connors, 143, Orange, N. J., Lopez winning the decision. Tony Del Gatto, 158¾, Brooklyn, turned in another good win when he halted Jerry Forlano, 166, New York, in 1:37 of the fourth round of a scheduled six. Del Gatto had Forlano helpless and the referee had to stop the contest. Lew Perez, 158, Puerto Rico, came back after two knockdowns to take the decision over Leon Kennedy, 149½, New York, in six rounds. Al Baltieri, 145, Brooklyn, won on a kayo over Frankie Keith, 143, Brooklyn, in 2:34 of the second round of a scheduled four.

Charley (Cabey) Lewis, Cuban featherweight, must have had a lot of friends in the audience when he faced Billy Graham, of New York, in a feature ten-rounder at the St. Nicholas Arena. That is the only way to explain the loud and prolonged booing which followed the announcement of the decision in Graham's favor. For Billy, weighing 134 to Lewis's 127¾, appeared to have a definite advantage throughout and, although he could not drop his Cuban foe, hurt him repeatedly with solid right-handers. In the fifth round Graham had Lewis against the ropes and hammered him with a series of sharp blows that had Cabey in distress. Again, just before the final bell, Lewis seemed on the verge of going down. The decision in Graham's favor was unanimous. Frank Fullam was the referee, Bill Healy and Jack Appel were the judges.

Nick Primiani, 139½, Montreal, gained the verdict over Joe Nuccio, 139½, New Orleans, in the six-round semi-final. In a second six, Frank Feener, 146½, Boston, showed good form in outpointing Enrique Lopez, 146½, Mexico. One of the four-rounders failed to go the distance. This bout involved Patsy Zoccano, 144, Montreal, and Frankie Keith, 145, Brooklyn, Zoccano winning on a knockout in 51 seconds of the third round. Another four-rounder, between Julie Cross, 154, Brooklyn, and Charley Hulton, 156, Philadelphia, was won by Cross. In the opening four, Benny Daniels, 129½, Brooklyn, defeated Jimmy Cogman, 131½, Newark.

Fighting back after two early round knockdowns, Joe Governale, 157, Bensonhurst, triumphed on a unanimous decision over Johnny Ryan, 150, Detroit, in a feature eight-round bout at the Ridgewood Grove Club. About 2,500 fans saw Governale, floored in the second stanza for no count and then for nine, take command in the third round and proceed to pile up enough points to win the votes of the referee and two judges. Eddie Dowl, 135, Newark, defeated Tommy Mills, 140, Valley Stream, L. I., in the semi-final, also of eight rounds. In two sixers, Donald McLean, 120, New York, halted Ralph McNeil, 112, Newark, in 38 seconds of the fifth; and Nick Primiani, 138, Montreal, outpointed Steve D'Apoli, 141, New York. Benny Davis, 156, Port Chester, N. Y., won from Miguel Arroyo, 151, Mexico, in four rounds, and in another bout over this distance Nickie Madden, 125, Brooklyn, defeated Howard Monk, 120, Newark.

Tony Pellone, recent conqueror of Billy Graham, came through with another good victory in a ten-round feature at the Ridgewood Grove Club, outpointing Pat Demers, of Boston, in a lively encounter. A capacity crowd that paid close to $6,000 saw Pellone win nine rounds from his seasoned opponent. Pellone weighed 138½, Demers 133¾. In the semi-final of six rounds, Johnny Harvey, 159, Port Chester, N. Y., scored over Lew Perez, 158, Puerto Rico. Another six saw Ralph Dougherty, 165, Newark, gain the decision over Ernest Barnwell, 155, Brooklyn. The four-rounders failed to go the distance, Hugh Murphy, 158½, New York, halting Jerry McGee, 153½, Augusta, Ga., in the second; and Jimmy McDonough, 155, Brooklyn, knocking out Jackie Moore, 150, Jersey City, in the opening stanza.

There was excitement galore during the main event at the Broadway Arena between Morris Reif, Brooklyn welterweight, and Vic Costa, Bronx. Always a strong attraction at the Broadway, Reif helped draw a capacity crowd of 4,000 to the arena and they saw their favorite win the fight in two ways, first by a knockout and then on a decision. The kayo came in the one-minute rest period after the first round. The fighters failed to hear the bell, apparently, because Costa hit Reif two punches after the round had officially ended and opened a deep gash over Morris's right eye. Reif came right back with a left hook to the jaw that knocked Costa cold. Immediately Bobby Gleason, Costa's second, claimed the fight on a foul but Referee Jack Watson wouldn't allow it. He gave the boxers three minutes of rest and ordered the bout to continue. It did, right through to the tenth round, with Reif then winning the verdict. Reif weighed 147, Costa 146¼.

Lew Perez, 157½, Puerto Rico, took a six-round decision from Lou Miller, 156, Brooklyn. In another six, Sid Haber, 144, Brooklyn, outpointed Joe Nuccio, 149½, New Orleans. George Small, 159, Brooklyn, defeated Charley Hilton, 154, Brooklyn, in a four. The other two bouts on the program ended in knockouts, Russ Hawkins, 144, Jamaica, halting George Smith, 145½, Brooklyn, in 2:47, of the fourth; and George Baltieri, 144, Brooklyn, finishing Carlos Roque, 135, Cuba, in 1:02 of the first.

Going down for a count of nine in the first round, Dom Amoroso, 135, Jersey City, made a game but futile try against Cleo Shans, 138, Los Angeles, in a ten-round feature at the Fort Hamilton Arena. Amoroso never quite got over the knockdown though he made an earnest effort to overcome Shans' margin. Charles McPherson, 161, Brooklyn, registered a fourth-round knockout over Joe Paganelli, 160, Belleville, in the scheduled six-round semi-final. Referee Eddie Joseph stopped the bout after Paganelli had suffered a bad cut over the left eye. In other six-round bouts, Sam Barudi, 156, Harlem, won from Billy Johnson, 160, Wilmington, N. C., and Tony Ferrara, 131, Mt. Vernon, outpointed Lou Prince, 132, Princeton, N. J. In the opening four, Jimmy Howe, 137, Virginia, defeated Marcus McCray, 135, Harlem. Len Taglia, 149, Utica, stopped Gus Vargo, 147, New York, in 1:04 of the third of a scheduled sixer.

Joey LaMotta, brother of topnotch Jake, did not endear himself to Ridgewood Grove fans by his tactics in his scheduled eight-round meeting with Ballesandro Carubia, of New York. Referee Johnny Burns penalized LaMotta the second and third rounds for low blows and Carubia continued to protest against what he insisted were more foul punches. Then Carubia refused to answer the bell for the fourth round and, strangely enough, the spectators applauded him, even though it cost him the fight. Referee Burns awarded the fight to LaMotta when Carubia declined to continue. LaMotta weighed 153, Carubia 149.

The other eight-round co-feature saw Al LaBarba, 145, New York, win his sixth straight since being discharged from the Army when he outpointed Bobby Cummings, 143, Brooklyn, in an interesting tussle. In a six-rounder, Frank Kruski, 146, Hempstead, L. I., won the decision from Tommy Gargano, 146, Brooklyn. Tony Bertucci, 151, Brooklyn, registered a three-round kayo victory over Jimmy Parks, 148, Garfield, N. J.; Nicky Madden, 123, Brooklyn, outpointed Wendell Douglas, 118, Newark, in four; and Julian Malavez, 138, Puerto Rico, halted Marcus McCray, 131, Harlem, in the third.

The first start made by Joey Fontana, Brooklyn lightweight, in almost two years turned out to be the last fight of his career. Fontana has been in the service and out of ring action. But he decided to give it another try and met Rocky Progano in a feature match at the MacArthur Stadium. With the exception of one round, the seventh, Progano had much the better of the going. The decision in his favor was unanimous. After the contest Fontana announced that he was retiring. The game little Brooklynite, now 29 years old, had given many stirring ring performances in New York rings and elsewhere and he gave a good performance against Progano, too, but it wasn't quite good enough to win. For the Progano fight Fontana weighed 131, Progano 133. Johnny McAvoy was the referee.

In an eight-rounder, Steve Riggio, 146½, Brooklyn, outpointed Leon Kennedy, 147, New York; Pat Giordano, 149½, Toronto, won from Freddie Graham, 151, Harlem. Graham took the match as a substitute for Russ Hawkins. Steve Curley, 131½, Toronto, defeated Jerry Darby, 129, in a six; Danny Ventrano, 131, former amateur star, defeated Lou Suliveres, 134½, New York, in a four.

Substituting for Steve Riggio, Pat Giordano, Toronto welterweight, went down to defeat at the hands of Andy Faison, of New York, in the feature eight-rounder on the closing show of the season at the Queensboro Arena. Faison weighed 151, giving him a two-pound edge over Giordano. The semi-final eight, between Victor Moreno, 139¼, Venezuela, and Nunzio Ferrara, 145½, Milwaukee, was won by Moreno on a decision. Marty Clark, 211, Astoria, L. I., knocked out Jim Davenport, 184, New York, in 1:15 of the fourth round. In a four-rounder, Bernie Krashin, 133, Brooklyn, was awarded the verdict over Danny Ventrano, 130½, Bronx.

Although only 591 customers turned out for the final show of the season—the receipts totalled $923—at Sterling Oval, they were rewarded with an exciting contest in which Danny Kapilow, Bronx welterweight, scored over Phil Palmer, Vancouver, B. C., in ten rounds. Kapilow, scaling 147¼ to Palmer's 143, took a commanding lead in the first half of the contest, mainly through the effective use of his left hook. He opened a cut over Palmer's right brow in the sixth. But then Kapilow seemed to tire and Palmer came on strong, bothering the Bronxite with long rights. But Kapilow managed to retain his lead and won a unanimous decision.

Johnny Rinaldi, veteran Bronxite scaling 148, won another fight in his comeback by halting Jackie Connors, 145, Newark, in 1:56 of the fifth round of a scheduled six. In other sixers, Filberto Osario, 125½, Puerto Rico, outpointed Don McLean, 119, Bronx; Nick Primiani, 140½, Montreal, defeated Eddie Dowl, 135½, Newark; and in the opening four, Percy Iddett, 118, Brooklyn, vanquished Lou Suliveres, 128, Bronx, on a decision.

For the first time since the Army took over the Coliseum almost four years ago, the Bronx has an indoor fight club. It is called the Park Arena. It is a converted theater and it has been done over in a bright rosy hue. It also contains a 24-foot ring, which is the same size as Madison Square Garden's. And its announcer is also the same as the Garden's—Harry Balogh. In any event, the Park Arena got under way with a capacity crowd attending the opening show to see Joey LaMotta, younger brother of Jake, meet Danny Aldridge of Newark in the feature event. It was fitting that Joey should star in the inaugural show because Jake LaMotta is the "angel" behind the new club. Joey needed less than a round to blast his opponent into submission. Although he scaled 156 to Aldridge's 161, Joey disposed of his foe in 2:56 of the opening round.

Johnny Rinaldi, continuing his successful comeback, knocked out Jackie Connors of the Bronx in 1:23 of the last round of the scheduled six-round semi-final. Rinaldi weighed 147, Connors, 143½. A lively six-round encounter between Mike Grovino, 126, Bronx, and George Morris, 121¾, Philadelphia, was won by Grovino on a decision. Rudy Richardson, 154½, Bronx, trounced Lew Perez, 158, Puerto Rico, in another six. The scheduled four-round curtain-raiser got only as far as 52 seconds of the second round, Oscar Williams, 133½, Newark, winning from Tony Pontillo, 128½, Bronx, on a kayo.

While in the Army, Patsy Giovanelli, Brooklyn lightweight, put on a little weight and won the welterweight title of the South Pacific Forces. Now he is out of the Army and back to the lightweight class. Making the first start since his discharge, Giovanelli displayed fine form in defeating Eddie Dowl of Newark in a feature eight-round event at the Ridgewood Grove. Despite an accidental butt in the fifth round, Giovanelli never stopped his aggressive tactics and won the unanimous vote of the officials, Giovanelli weighed 134½, Dowl 132½.

In the eight-round semi-final, Sal Richie, 150, New York, won the decision from Lou Valles, 150, New York. In six-rounders, Jimmy McDonough, 154, Brooklyn, won from Johnny King, 154, New York; and Lew Perez, 156, Puerto Rico, outpointed Leon Kennedy, 150, New York. Patsy Zoccano, 142, Montreal, won the decision from Ray Parker, 137½, New York, in four rounds. Another scheduled four, between Pat Franco, 140, Newark, and Pat Butler, 138, Brooklyn, was won by Franco on a knockout in the first round.

They call Pedro Firpo, Camden, N. J., lightweight, the "1945 Edition of Henry Armstrong," and he gave a good imitation of the Armstrong technique in his ten-round meeting with Allie Stolz of Newark at the St. Nicholas Arena. Firpo didn't have quite enough to win, Stolz taking a unanimous decision. But he gave Allie a mighty unpleasant evening and on one occasion, in the ninth round, lifted Stolz right off his feet with a smash to the chin. Stolz boxed carefully and well throughout most of the contest, however, and weathered every attack Firpo made. Most of his trouble came from his inability to guard against Firpo's body attack. But he was faster than Firpo, beat him to the punch time and again, and piled up enough points to win a unanimous decision. Stolz weighed 134, Firpo, whose right name is Moses Lee, scaled 131¾.

Bobby Brown, 162½, Philadelphia, outpointed Willis Scott, 153¾, in a hard-fought six-rounder. In another six, Al Mobley, 140¼, Newark, showed up well in scoring over Frank Feener, 147¾, Randolph, Mass. The third bout over this distance, between Joe Nuccio, 139¾, New Orleans, and Al Victoria, 137, Harlem, was won by Nuccio on a decision. One of the scheduled four-rounders ended in a knockout, Joey Carkido, 133¼, Youngstown, Ohio, halting Jimmy Cogman, 132, Newark, in 2:34 of the second round. In the other fours, Joe Fernandez, 139, New York, won from Lou Suliveres, 134, New York; and Tony Pontillo, 127½, Bronx, was awarded the verdict over Rudy Madora, 126, Brooklyn.

Another good victory was chalked up by Jerry Fiorello, Brooklyn middleweight, when he outpointed Joe Bennett of New York in a feature ten-round event at the Broadway Arena. Bennett had beaten Frankie Terry two weeks before and was expected to give Fiorello a much closer fight than he did. But Fiorello was much too good for him, winning the decision by a decisive margin and getting the votes of all three officials. Fiorello weighed 161, Bennett 157½. Freddie Paterson, 147¾, Rochester, N. Y., defeated Rocco Lescio, 138½, Brooklyn, in a six-rounder. In another six, Sid Haber, 140, Brooklyn, won from Julio Malavez, 140½, Puerto Rico.

PHILADELPHIA NOTES
By NAT FRANK

JACK PUGGY is proudly boasting that he is currently managing five of Philly's ace gladiators.

Puggy has Frankie Carto, a strong contender for the featherweight laurels; Jimmy Collins, now in the service of Uncle Sam, is an outstanding 126-pounder; Ellis Phillips and Dave Freeman are a pair of free swinging and dangerous lightweights, and Billy Furrone is a welterweight walloper.

The beefy manager has been keeping four of his five boys quite busy and they have been more than holding their own against the toughest of opposition.

Carto fought twice, both engagements being in main events at the Arena, under the promotional banner of Herman Taylor. In each instance, the former Marine tackled Jackie Floyd and Frankie was returned victorious in each case.

The first time they met, September 10, Carto was floored twice in the first round by his opponent. Overanxiety on the part of Floyd probably cost Jackie a knockout victory. Jackie struck Carto while the latter was on his knees taking the count. This faux pas caused the referee to disqualify Floyd in the very first round.

A return match took place October 1 and Carto, this time in a revengeful mood, floored Floyd twice in the first round. From then on Jackie fought on instinct. At the end Carto was the winner by a unanimous decision. Following this contest, Floyd was hospitalized for further examination but was discharged a few days later as fully recovered.

Billy Furrone, the first fistman to break Billy Arnold's winning streak, is going great guns. So is Freeman and Phillips, the latter making a comeback after a long layoff.

Speaking of Billy Arnold, the managerial pair of Dr. Michael Primiano and Bob LaGuardia feel that their protege is ready to prove his merits against the cream of welterweight talent.

Another future great of the stable is Billy's Kid Brother, Jetson, a lightweight. He recently deserted the amateur ranks and since his debut as a professional, the Jolting Jetson has been making mince meat out of his rivals.

Keep your eyes on Otis Graham, former welterweight amateur king. Graham is being managed by Lou Scholoff, a local sportsman. Otis is a terrific puncher. Watch him.

The Tom Montgomery-Gene Buffalo stable of hitsmiths has good talent with classy Wesley Mouzon the star. Other lads making the grade are Billy Goodman, a middleweight, and Sammy Justine, a welterweight. The Montgomery-Buffalo stable has eight fighters.

Rudy Gansky has finally decided that his lightweight lambaster, George Larover, is ready to mix glove encased fists with Willie Joyce, Allie Stolz, Wesley Mouzon and Dorsey Lay.

Results of contests waged in Philadelphia are as follows:

At Herman Taylor's Arena, September 10—Frankie Carto of Philadelphia, 129½, won on disqualification from Jackie Floyd, 124, of Philadelphia, in one round; Archie Wilmer of Philadelphia, 133, decisioned Eddie Giosa of Philadelphia, 133½, in ten rounds; Santa Bucca of Philadelphia, 137, knocked out Pedro Firpo of Camden, 131½, in three rounds; Earl Trader of Philadelphia, 124, knocked out Mel Neary of Philadelphia, 130, in four rounds.

At Herman Taylor's Arena, October 1—Frankie Carto of Philadelphia, 131, beat Jackie Floyd, 126½, of Philadelphia, in ten rounds; Archie Wilmer, 132½, of Wilmington, decisioned Dusty Brown, 134, of Philadelphia in eight rounds; Bill "Chicken" Thompson, 162, of Philadelphia, knocked out Georgie Miller, 165, of Philadelphia, in four rounds; Jetson Arnold, 132½, of Philadelphia, belted out Tommy Murray, 135½, of Montreal, in two rounds; Otis Graham, 142½, of Philadelphia, flattened Mickey Belletiere, 144, of Hazelton, in two rounds; Vince Lauria, 112, of Camden, outpointed Sam Clementi of Philadelphia, 115½, in four rounds.

At Jimmy Toppi's Met, September 17—Billy Arnold, 148, of Philadelphia, knocked out Ray Rovelli, 151, of New York, in one round; Freddy Sammons, 149, of Chester, beat Pat Patucci, 143, of Port Norris, N. J., in six rounds; Jetson Arnold knocked out Baby Armstrong in four rounds; George Hill beat McCoy Jones of Camden in six; Jimmy Long of Chester decisioned Leon Szymurski of Chester in six.

At Jimmy Toppi's Met, September 27—Santa Bucca, 135, of Philadelphia, knocked out Jimmy McAllister, 127, of Baltimore in five rounds; Ellis Phillips, 135, of Philadelphia, knocked out Al Cella, 130, of New York, in two rounds; Joe Rodriquez, 124, decisioned Reds Hull, 122½, both of Philadelphia, in six rounds; Jimmy Willis, 153½, of Wilmington, knocked out Jimmy Tate, 161½, of Philadelphia, in three rounds; Al Johnson, 165½, knocked out Jimmy Grinnage, 174, both of Philadelphia, in three rounds.

At Jimmy Toppi's Met, October 4—Curtis Sheppard, 187½, of Pittsburgh, knocked out Charley Allen, 205, of Philadelphia, in seven rounds; Lennox Dingle, 146, beat Lee Jones, 141, in six rounds; Leon Szymurski, 177½, of Chester, conquered Ray Scully, 185, of Reading; Willie Weasel, 126½, beat Angelo Ambrosano, 129, in six rounds; Billy Goodman, 161, beat Johnny Boston, 154, in six rounds.

At Joe Wenke's Cambria A.C., September 28—Paul Febbo, 123, of Philadelphia, decisioned Joey Puig, 123½, of New York, in eight heats; Johnny Settles, 132, knocked out Eddie Germaine, 134, in one round; Tommy Altiere, 182, knocked out Jimmy Long of Chester; Roughhouse Finney, 180½, halted Jimmy Clark, 174, in the first round; Tommy Latch, 157, and Willie Hutchins, 155, drew in six rounds.

At Joe Wenke's Cambria A.C., October 5—Dorsey Lay, 138, of Philadelphia, won from Willie Cheatum, 135, of Newark, in eight rounds; Jimmy Parlin, 114, beat Little Tony, 106, of Tampa, in six rounds; Jimmy Smith, 178, stopped Jimmy Quigley, 179, in two rounds; Teddy Turner, 156½, kayoed Richard Pugh, 157½, in one round; Willie Hutchins, 155, knocked out Tommy Latch, 158, in the initial heat.

George "Dusty" Brown, the lightweight managed by Jake Freedman, well known in fistic circles as the former manager of such super stars as Lew Tendler, Al Ettore and Benny Bass, is going great guns.

Brown not only is a classy boxer and excellent showman but he is rated high as a game gladiator. He has been one of the busiest fighters in the sport.

Fighters, don't lose your opportunity. This is an appeal to fistmen of all weights who aren't tied up with any other manager, to make the best of this chance to get started in this section of the country. If you make good here you will be set. An opportunity awaits you around these parts. If interested, send us your clippings, complete record and photo. Don't lose any time in attending to this important matter. Our address, Nat Frank, 209 S. 53rd St., Philadelphia 39, Pa.

With the Old-Timers: It's now C.Ma.M. Joe Saring, Port Director of Chester, Pa. . . . The Navy Chief, as Joe Dwyer, waged fistic warfare among the topnotch lightweights a decade ago. . . . Joe Driscoll, former featherweight who managed the Lighthouse Boys Club's boxing team, is rounding out his third year with the Navy. . . . Joe is athletic instructor at Floyd Bennett Field, in New York. . . . The former Penn State boxer, Jackie Tighe, is a second lieutenant with the Army in the South Pacific. . . . Our own Tommy Forte refereed the special service bouts at Iwo Jima with James J. Braddock, the former heavyweight champion. . . . Forte is stationed on Saipan. . . . Both Tommy Gorman and Pete Malone have passed on since the last edition of THE RING Magazine. . . . Gorman, Kensington lightweight, was a veteran municipal employee, while Malone, a middleweight, was a policeman for 27 years. . . . Joe Belmont, presently a welder with the Cramp Shipbuilding Corporation, has a son, Allen, with the Navy in Rhode Island. . . . Charles (Puggy) Lee has been a Pennsylvania Railroad sleuth for the past 20 years. . . . Leo Houck, the ancient Penn State College coach and erstwhile internationally known middleweight contender, reports the arrival home of his son, Lieutenant Leo, Jr., after piloting a glider for 17 months in all the major airborne movements from Normandy to the final surrender of Germany.

Bobby Reynolds, the former lightweight luminary, was elected Commander of Clair Post, No. 37, American Legion, by a vote of 275 to 153. . . . He defeated Detective Lieutenant Albert Granitz. . . . Reynolds was one of the charter members of the post and has been active in its affairs for the past quarter century. . . . Pete Wagner is in the Naval Hospital. . . . Pete saw three years' service as a Seabee in the South Pacific. . . . Nels Friedman, who managed the South Philadelphia Boys' Club for many years, now conducts the Columbia Bowling Club on North Broad Street. . . . His son, Marvin, recently discharged from the Navy, is matriculating at Pennsylvania Military College. . . . Lt. Billy Soose, Penn State grad and former middleweight king, informs that he will not return to the ring upon his discharge from the Navy.

IN THE NEW JERSEY CORNER
By HARRY MANSBACH

FREDDIE "RED" COCHRANE, welterweight champ, has enrolled at Seton Hall College, as a student-teacher, and hopes to become a physical education instructor. . . . Irish Jimmy Brady, crowd-pleaser of a few years back, has opened one of the finest gymnasiums around the metropolitan area.

Frankie Arditto, who developed Steve Hostak, is back in civvies, as is Benny Cantor, who will take up his duties as matchmaker at New Brunswick shortly.

Charlie Fusari, 142, Irvington, won his 28th consecutive bout when he T.K.O.'ed Al Freda, 143, Boston, in the third round at Twin-City Bowl, Elizabeth. Fusari downed Freda for the count of nine in the first, second and third and Referee Joey Harrison stopped the fight. In scheduled sixes, Harry Preston, 143, N. Y., kayoed Jimmy Cogman, 135, Newark, in the first. Frankie Daniels, 146, Valley Stream, decisioned Tony Riles, 148, Paterson. Billy Davis, 169, N. Y., T.K.O.'ed Sid White, 162, Passaic, in the fifth.

This writer has compiled a complete listing of all New Jersey promoters, matchmakers, fight clubs, wrestling clubs, and their addresses and locations. Send twenty-five cents in coin and self-addressed envelope for list to Harry Mansbach, 37 Arlington St., Newark 2, N. J. Boxers who are willing to show around New Jersey and Metropolitan New York and have not managerial ties can contact same address. Send previous records, photographs, with self-addressed stamped envelope.

Jiggs Donahue, Philadelphia, came through with the first upset of the local indoor boxing season by scoring a ten-round victory over Tony Riccio, Bayonne boy. The fight was hard fought from start to finish with Riccio doing his most effective work in the first half of the mill and Donahue forging to the front in the latter half. Riccio was best at long range but in close, Donahue had the edge. Riccio weighed 153, Donahue, 151.

Billy Fox, lanky Philadelphian, made his local debut a successful one by scoring a one-round knockout over Jimmy Davenport of New York City. Fox weighed 173, Davenport, 181. Buddy Jackson, Newark, 148, outpointed Baudelio Valencia of Mexico, 157, in a six-round go and Harold Barsky of Brooklyn won a four-round decision over Frankie Borse of Sayreville, 154. Johnny Land of Newark outpointed Ellsworth Simley of New York City in a four-rounder. The gate receipts amounted to $2,967.

Allie Stolz, continuing his build-up campaign to major bouts, won a one-sided victory on Referee Paul Cavalier's scorecard over Jackie Leamus of New York in the feature ten-rounder in Laurel Garden, Newark. Cavalier awarded Leamus, who weighed 134, only the sixth round, and that on a foul penalty. Stolz scaled 133. Butch Charles, 133, Elizabeth, decisioned Paddy DeMarco, 138, Brooklyn, in a sixer. Walter Davis, 168, Youngstown, knocked out Nat Russell, 173, Atlantic City, in the third round of a scheduled six. Two of the three four-round bouts ended in knockouts. Billy Ellison, 151, Newark, stopped Miguel Arroyo, 147, Valley Stream, in the first. Jack Vascano, 135, Montclair, kayoed Pat Butler, 134, Brooklyn, in the second.

JACKIE JURICH RETURNS TO RING BEATS DEL ROSARIO IN MANILA

JACKIE JURICH, former world flyweight champion, galloped to a ten-round decision over Tirso Del Rosario, Philippine bantamweight, in the outstanding attraction at Manila Square Garden, last month. Jurich, who is in the Philippines with the U. S. Navy, did not have an easy time winning from his young opponent. The match turned out to be a gruelling affair that delighted the 5,000 cash customers.

Results of other fights at Manila Square Garden during the last month included P. C. C. Boy's win over Cunning Dado in eight rounds.

Bobby Mann of Trenton, N. J., and the U. S. Naval Seabees, had little trouble in outpointing Boy Brooks, Philippine welterweight. Nicky Wan, Manila light-heavyweight, beat Gunboat Davis, 10, reversing a previous defeat.

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IN SYRACUSE RINGS
By BILLY SHAW

THE outlook for professional boxing upstate looks brighter and brighter as the new year rapidly approaches. With Albany, Troy, Utica, Syracuse, Binghamton, Rochester and Buffalo planning regular shows, there is reason to believe the game will hit a new high. Albany, Troy, Binghamton and Buffalo are currently operating. Utica, Syracuse and Rochester are setting the stage for a busy 1946 in premier glove tossing. Rochester will have a new club. Troy launched its new fistic organization last month.

If Syracuse's new arena is not ready before late fall, a temporary location will house the pro gladiators. The building now in use will be vacated January 1, and is large enough to seat 3,500 fans. Both the Olympic Boxing Club, Inc., and Onondaga Sports, Inc., have their eyes on the spot. If two licenses are permitted here, Syracuse may have two promoters vying for public favor and patronage. Time will tell!

Mario Torres, Puerto Rican featherweight, engaged in his final ring contest in Albany, where he defeated Angel Aviles, Mexican boxer, in ten rounds. Torres died two days later in New York. Death was attributed to a fractured skull. According to sports writers, Torres won all the way from the speedy Mexican. Aviles was not credited with landing a single telling blow on Mario.

The Albany show, promoted by Ted Bailey, produced some fast action. Rocco Lescio, 137, Brooklyn, scored a technical kayo over Ellie Simley, 136, New York, in the third round of a scheduled eight-round semi-final. Carmen Sipello, 155½, Schenectady, easily defeated Hugh Murphy, 160, New York, in a six-rounder. Pat Smith, 134, Schenectady, knocked out Joe Triola, 133, Albany, in the second; while George McKinney, 142½, Albany, outpointed Fritz Moore, 143, Albany, in the four-round opener.

Armand Olevano, young Endicott, N. Y., light-heavyweight, is the big thrill-provider and box-office draw at Lloyd Welsh's Binghamton cards. Olevano twice stole the show away from featured performers last month, and can be expected to do it again. He spotted Larry Crossen, New York Negro, weight, experience and size, but not courage. The vicious punching Endicott boxer floored Crossen five times, after being nearly flattened himself at the start of the fight, to win their six-round Donnybrook. His second appearance was just as exciting. The Shoetown Belter whipped Jerry Forlano, Utica dynamiter, flooring Forlano twice, was almost kayoed himself in the third, but came back to batter Jerry into defeat in the closing rounds of their six canto joust. Always dangerous, Forlano shelled it out toe-to-toe with Olevano, right to the final bell.

Johnny Taylor, 161, Binghamton, lost to Neil (Sonny) Miller, 160¾, Wilkes-Barre, in the top eight, Sept. 12, at the Binghamton Club. The officials disagreed on the verdict of this action-packed slugfest. Joey Kushner, 130, Syracuse, technically stopped Jimmy Cagni, 135, Brooklyn, in the first round. Cagni was in no class with Kushner and melted under one soporific left to the tummy. Other results: Jimmy Scouten, 149½, Binghamton, outpointed Ike Cunningham, 151, Binghamton, in six rounds. Bud Gregory, 192½, Hillcrest, kayoed Willie Weasel, 203, Brooklyn, in the second heat. Ruby Roberts, 156, Garfield, N. J., outsocked Otto Christie, 156, Johnson City, to win in six; while Joe (Moon) Mullins, 134, Wilkes-Barre, trounced Hal Arrington, Binghamton, 129, in four rounds.

One of the best cards of the Binghamton fistic season took place at Kalurah Temple the night of Sept. 26. Ringsiders failed to agree with the decision rendered in favor of Langston Dennis, 180, New York, over Art Hardy, 164, Pittsburgh, after eight spectacular rounds. Judge Al Lamb gave Hardy seven rounds, Dennis one. Judge Johnny Higgins gave it to Dennis, five points to three; while Referee Danny Murrine voted for Dennis. While the verdict caused considerable storm and strife it was a rip-snorting battle, one that kept the big crowd in a constant uproar.

Forced for the first time in his pro career to beat a retreat, Bud Gregory, 189, Hillcrest heavyweight, still had enough to whip Alexander (Bearcat) Jones, 188, Pittsburgh, in the eight-round semi-windup. Jones appeared awed by the heavy socking prowess of the Hillcrest comer, and neglected to take advantage of some golden opportunities. Aster Rice, 144, Binghamton, kayoed Jimmy (Bud) Scouten, 145½, Binghamton, in the third round of a go slated for six. Jimmy Cagni, 135, Brooklyn, a "clown," halted Don Brookes, 134, Binghamton Negro, six; while Vic Belanger, 152, Utica, outslugged Ruby Roberts, 154, Garfield, N. J., to annex the nod in their sixer.

Left-hooks: Wazzo Kocak, former Southern Tier boxer, is a good referee and popular arbiter with Binghamton fans. . . . While on the subject of third men, Billy Browne, one of the best referees ever developed in Syracuse, now resides in Green Bay, Wisconsin. . . . Billy, whose real name is Paul Bettinger, is due to be honorably discharged from the Army by the time this pillar goes to press. . . . Sgt. Bettinger was in the South Pacific and nearly made Tokyo but his 52 points plus an age discharge directive enabled our pal to return to civilian life. . . . Billy may try his hand at promoting, in the Wisconsin sector. . . . Lt. Dewey Fragetta is out of the Army, and will be back in the boxing game by now. . . . Dewey had an offer to go with the MGM 16 mm. sound motion picture division, and was pondering the advisability of accepting the position, the last time we talked with him. . . . Over a beaker of ale, the boys in the fight game here in Syracuse (the managers and publicists), were discussing the past and present in local boxing at a downtown spot popular with those in fisticuffing. . . . Genial Irv Robbins remarked about the time he had Canastota Bob fighting Sailor Packie. . . . "What a tough onion that guy was!" Irv exclaimed. "But my Bob beat him. I never saw such an exhibition of punching and was awed at the remarkable ability of those two deadly hitters to stand up under such terrific pounding. The human body sure can take a lot of battering, providing it is in the condition to 'take it'."

Eddie Gallagher, an old hand at the game, and a cutie who started Mickey Serrian and Bob Moody, among others, waxed eloquent on the abilities of Moody. "We were in Jersey, at Champ Joe Louis' camp," Gallagher opined . . . "Bob got in the ring with the Bomber, belted him a couple hefty licks and Joe got mad. He worked over Moody pretty good, but Bob stood up and was giving as good as he received. Then the Black-Roxborough combination 'figured' Moody was a bad boy to have around, so they up and fired the Cleveland boy. But I'll always maintain, for at least a couple of rounds, Moody certainly gave the champion Hell!" . . . Billy Pierce, former crack middleweight, now Sports Editor of the Endicott *Daily Bulletin*, and a good one, writes fights under the nom-de-plume of "Old Ten Per Cent." . . . Capt. Al Cohan is special service officer at Camp Kohler, Sacramento, Calif. . . . Capt. Al has many abilities, one of them being a first-rate boxing coach. . . . Cozy Storace, ye Rome boxer, one-time National amateur welter king, is readying a tavern in the Wire City that will do plentee biz. . . . Cozy is very popular in his home town. . . . Lt. Billy Shaw, Jr., having purchased a plane, does considerable flying for the fun of it. . . . He engaged in 35 missions as pilot of a B-17 Bomber over Germany during the war and after four and one-half years service has been honorably discharged from the Army Air Forces. . . . Boxing films are getting to be a hobby with the fistic faithful. . . . Like collectors of rare paintings, dyed-in-the-wool fans who love the game are assembling collections of 16 mm. prints of famous fights. . . . Jack Singer is doing very nicely with his Buffalo club. . . . Jack gives the fans some grand shows. . . . At one time Jack managed three champions: George Nichols, light-heavyweight, Jimmy Goodrich, lightweight and Tommy Paul, featherweight.

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NEW ORLEANS AND THE SOUTH
By BROADWAY JOHNNY COX

JOCK LESLIE, Lester Krell's Blond Buzzsaw, 126 pounder, has become a main bout attraction here after scoring four consecutive knockouts in four starts. Leslie boxed Pedro Hernandez, Al Weill's classy featherweight, topping Promoter Louis Messina and Matchmaker Lew Raymond's fistic card at the Coliseum Arena, Oct. 15.

Tami Mauriello, No. 1 contender for the heavyweight title, made his New Orleans debut under the Messina-Raymond banner by stopping game and tough old Gunnar Barlund in three rounds. Barlund was badly cut up after two rounds of slugging and his handlers, Al Lang and Lester Krell, decided that he was unable to come out for the third round.

Tami had little chance to show how good a heavyweight he is. Barlund has softened up after 12 years of campaigning against the best heavyweights in all parts of the world. The Gunnar was an honest heavyweight and a credit to the game.

Promoter Louis Messina who is the only promoter who stages Negro fights here, has been in action regularly with weekly Friday night shows. Sgt. "Mad" Anthony Jones scored an eight round technical kayo over Davey Clark, Cincinnati, Ohio, on October 5.

In another ten on the same card, "Candy" McDaniels, Cincinnati, Ohio, lightweight, halted Leonard Ceasar's winning 'streak' by stopping Ceasar in the sixth round with a left hook to the body.

McDaniels is a good looking prospect. He had Ceasar on the deck five times. The bell saved Leonard in the fourth and fifth rounds. McDaniels had previously outpointed "Baby" Armstrong in eight rounds here.

Charley Burley, Pittsburgh, Pa., middleweight, and a big favorite with local fans, stopped Walter "Speedy" Duvall, Philadelphia, Pa., light-heavyweight, in the fourth round.

Pot Shots . . . Bernard Docusen expects to receive a furlough from his Arkansas camp. Maxie Docusen, Bernard's brother, is back from a trip to Des Moines, Iowa, where he suffered his first defeat.

Fighters unattached desiring work in this locality can contact the writer at the DeSoto Hotel, New Orleans, La.

PORTLAND, OREGON, BOXING NOTES
By JACK McCALLUM

JOE KAHUT, Woodburn, Oregon, 181, added another scalp to his fistic belt when he knocked out Al Jordan, 185, in five rounds at Portland. The Kansas City Negro made a great fight of it and almost bowled young Kahut over with a terrific right hand punch to the head in the third round. But Kahut came back to floor Jordan three times and to win by a clean KO in the fifth stanza. House was $12,753, gross.

The prelims to the Kahut-Jordan fight resulted as follows: Duane Hoag defeated Luis Salas, 6. Gene Johnson knocked out Art Crump, 2. Dick Wagner decisioned Dean Rich, 4. Kelly Jackson and K.O. Tucker fought a good four round draw.

Seattle, Wash., closed to boxing for the past three years, reopened on October 9 with George Kosmos, of Seattle, as the promoter, and Abe Kubey as matchmaker.

Joe Waterman's "Talent" show in Portland went over with a big bang. Benny Jerome, formerly of Elizabeth, New Jersey, but now in the Navy at Pasco, Wash., won the $100 cash award for the best fighter of the night. Jerome defeated Rafael Sanchez, of Mexico, in a hectic six rounder.

Two of Oregon's Golden Gloves champions, who turned pro on this card, Bill Bettis, heavyweight, and Joe Clemo, flyweight, met with disaster. Bettis got knocked cold in the first round, by Bill Carnegie, young Negro heavyweight, while Clemo was counted out in the fourth round in a tilt with Duane "Buzz-Saw" Hoag. Howard Mendenhall decisioned Ralph Garrison in four and Dick Wagner knocked out Emmett Greer in the fifth stanza.

Freddie Steele, former middleweight champion, who is on a personal appearance tour with the picture "G.I. Joe" in which he is one of the stars, was banqueted by friends at Tacoma, Wash. Tacoma is his home town, although he was born in Seattle.

IN INDIANAPOLIS RINGS
By ANTHONY COPPI

TOMMY O'CONNELL, former Ft. Wayne, Ind., heavyweight who recently assisted Billy Conn at the Army University of Athletics in France, has received his discharge and is back in his home town. While overseas, in addition to boxing in exhibitions with Conn, he originated a Little World Series among the men on his base. He was also in charge of volleyball, football and basketball on his base and was editor of a sports journal there. Besides these duties he managed four horseshoe courts, a baseball diamond, three softball diamonds, two boxing rings, track and swimming.

Bob Simmons, Indianapolis welterweight, won a ten-round decision from Robert Fowler, Chicago, in a lively bout held at the local Armory. Simmons was down in the first round for no count but easily won over Fowler in the remainder of the bout. Simmons previously held a six-round decision over the same rival. Weights: Simmons, 145; Fowler, 143.

In the semi-windup, Tommy Charles, local light-heavy, won a six-round tiff from Jack Pumphrey, Chicago. The latter suffered a broken jaw.

Leroy Scales, Chicago middleweight, easily outpointed Jack Hill, Bloomington, Ill., in six rounds. Scales scored two knockdowns.

Al Sheridan, local 176-pounder, decisioned Billy Sullivan, Chicago heavyweight, in a five-round bout.

Mike McKessick, Indianapolis middleweight, won in the four-round opener from Doug Jordan, Chicago.

Colion Chaney, young local heavyweight, racked up two victories in out-of-town bouts during the month. At Flint, Mich., he knocked out Vern Mitchell in five rounds and in St. Louis he won a ten-round decision from Clarence Brown.

Buddy Walker, Columbus, Ohio, heavyweight, pounded out a close ten-round decision over Bob Garner, Louisville, Ky., on the inaugural boxing program of the indoor season at the downtown Armory. Garner rallied in the late rounds but faltered in the tenth when he was nearly kayoed by stiff Walker punches. Walker is undefeated in six appearances here. He weighed 194; Garner, 178.

Jack Hill, Bloomington, Ill., decisioned Curley Denton, Bunker Hill seaman, in six rounds of a blistering semi-windup. They are middleweights.

Tommy Charles, local light-heavy, won from Ted Newsome, Chicago, in five rounds. Newsome was down for a count of two in the second round.

Billy Sullivan, Chicago, 180, knocked out Al Sheridan, Indianapolis, with a vicious right hook in the second round of a scheduled five-round bout.

Mike McKessick, Indianapolis, 155, was awarded a decision over Jimmy Martin, Chicago, 140, after the latter lost two rounds for low punching. The bout was a four-rounder.

Your reporter witnessed the Jake LaMotta-Ray Robinson bout at Comiskey Park in Chicago recently. Robinson was awarded the bout officially. We scored the fracas in favor of LaMotta, giving him six rounds, Robinson five and tallying one even.

Ring Scraps: Tom Leeper, local fight manager, is enlarging his downtown swatorium. Anticipating a boom in boxing his stable will be in readiness soon. . . . Gene (Tiny) Bland, former local heavyweight, is now attending Butler University where he is a regular on the football eleven. He is a sophomore. . . . During the Walker-Garner bout here we gave Lt. Col. Eddie Eagan's four points to the round scoring a try. . . . Bouts in Indiana are judged on the ten-points to the round basis. . . . In Ft. Wayne three judges are used, the referee does not vote. . . . This scribe's address is 1325 E. Tabor, Indianapolis 3, Indiana.

Profile: Our seventh in a series of interviews with local fight figures deals with Chris Hankemeier, local boxing judge. Hankemeier was appointed a fight judge during the reign of Sam Murbarger, late boxing commissioner. Our subject has been on the sports staff of the Indianapolis *News* for the past ten years. Previously he served six years with the Associated Press here where he covered many boxing bouts. He went to the A.P. upon graduation from Manual High, Indianapolis. He reports nearly all sports for his sheet and his accounts are accurate and interesting. Oddly enough boxing is not his favorite sport but baseball, the game in which he won several letters in high school, is his chief interest.

CALGARY, ALBERTA and VICINITY
By HAL POLLETT

ON October 2nd, at Victoria Park Pavilion in Calgary, Bus Murdoch staged a good card featuring returned servicemen.

In the main bout of eight rounds, Tony Boguski, 133, of Lethbridge, won a hard-earned decision over Al Slater, 134, of Calgary. Slater staged a garrison finish in the last two rounds but it wasn't quite enough to overcome the early lead the clever Boguski had taken.

In the semi-wind-up of six rounds, Ray Collinge outboxed and outpunched Bill Calhoun, to win almost as he pleased. Calhoun was handicapped from the second round on by two bad cuts over the left eye.

In the prelims, Hugo Tschritter stopped Brad Bradshaw in the third, Joe Trudeau outpointed Buck Mabely, Frankie Wright beat Curlie Connelly, Jimmy Spoulis gained the nod over Lyn Selman, and Al Wheeler was much too rough for Al Appleyard. In the opener Bert Maisey won over Jackie Grove.

Bus Murdoch intends to continue promoting in the Southern part of the Province, leaving the Calgary field to veteran matchmaker and promoter, Ernie Farr.

Around Town—Darby Melnick's wrestling shows are playing to capacity houses at the Pavilion. Chief Little Wolf and Jim Wright are slated to do battle on October 5th.

Mickey McDonald, former Maritime Feather Champ, is still coaching tyros at the local "Y." Mickey received his schooling in Jack Reddick's Gym in Moose Jaw and was noted for his punching prowess, particularly with left hooks.

Genial Johnny Loftus, one of the best crowd pleasers in this city was a spectator at the Boguski-Slater fight. Johnny recently returned from overseas.

Bobby Carrington, former Amateur Lightweight Champion of Canada, is back in civvies after five years' service overseas with the Canadian Army.

Also on civvy street once more is Warner Heisig, whose fight with Carrington in 1935 was one of the best amateur bouts this writer ever saw.

Joe Martin, who looked after the interests of most of the American boys who showed here in Calgary in recent years, is now making his home in Vancouver and has two very good boys under his wing—Jackie Turner and Hank Egli.

LITTLE RHODY'S FISTIC HIGHLIGHTS
By EDDIE BECK

BOBBY ZOLLO will shortly become Boston's top attraction. In his last two winning bouts there the fans and scribes were very impressed with the former amateur champ.

Danny Martino, local feather, is back in action again after a brief rest. Danny is a veteran of World War II and is managed by Joe Delicio.

Sammy Mammone now residing in Providence was wildly acclaimed after his furious battle with Bobby Cummings. Mammone has been training with Ralph Zanelli. Zanelli is back in good condition and will shortly see ring action.

Charlie Lagor, Pawtucket, middleweight; Sammy Zira, Johnston, R. I., featherweight; and Tony Nardozzo, North Attleboro, bantamweight, were crowned junior New England Amateur champions at a tourney held at Dilboy Field, Somerville, Mass.

Lou Fico former welterweight star is assisting Bobby Vitti. Vitti has three good prospects in Bobby Zollo, Joe Celetti, and state amateur champ Eddie (Nonny) Soares. Many boxers are returning from the service and are picking up where they left off. Chalky Acetta received a big hand when he was introduced at the Auditorium during the fights. Acetta has just been discharged from the service after many months overseas with the army.

John Quattracchi has been discharged from the Navy. He was Ernie Forte's former manager. Solly Miller, local boxer, has entered the service. George Monahan of AP, is in the Army. Manny Almeida spent part of his summer vacation on his newly acquired boat. Dick McHale would like to present amateur boxing locally, but is finding it difficult to obtain a hall.

Jimmy D'Ambra, local promoter, has come out of retirement and is staging boxing matches at Marieville Gardens. The best fights in Rhode Island were witnessed in this arena many years ago. Promoter Dave Cashman is attracting good crowds at his Monday shows at the Auditorium. Benny Delgardo, state amateur champ, was very impressive in scoring victories over New England's best lightweights, Sam White and Romeo Paris.

Knobby King, recently discharged from the army, is staging boxing every Friday at Plymouth, Mass. King was matchmaker at Worcester for many years and should do well.

Patsy Willard, former local boxer, is president of the Arrow Express Co. He was a great battler. A lively slugfest is expected when Leo Gagne, the Fall River firecracker, hooks up with smart stepping Ernie Guisti, in a return affair. Guisti has started a new victory string which consists of seven K.O.'s.

Al "Red" Priest, Cambridge welter, has returned to the ring after being discharged from the Navy. Priest, a former New England Amateur Champ, scored his 18th consecutive pro victory by beating Kenny James of Waterbury, Conn., in ten rounds. Freddie Trozzi, Red's manager, has served 22 months in the Navy. He presents sport nites for the gobs at Trinity College.

Rip Valenti will stage boxing at Worcester. Rip's shows at the Boston Garden are packing them in. Eddie (Nonny) Soares, local beak buster, spotted Freddie Roy of Montreal 14 pounds, height and reach, but won every round of a semi-final at Fall River Casino. Soares, a fast, smart-stepping youngster, shows improvement with each battle.

Ernie Forte will not box until the end of December. He is at present working at Cape Cod clearing ground for a building project. This type of work is to serve as a toughening-up process.

Dan "Doc" Avery is matchmaker of the newly-formed Milford Boxing Club. Charlie Goldman is the promoter.

Young Jean LeBlanc, Fall River feather, is very popular in Fitchburg, Mass., where he is a featured performer.

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Results of the Month—At the Auditorium—Joey Angelo, 136, Philadelphia flash, won a one-sided ten-round decision over Tommy Mills, 140¼, Long Island, N. Y.

Sammy Mammone, 141½, Providence, defeated Bobby Cummings, 142½, Brooklyn, N. Y., in a spirited eight-round semi-final.

Alex Rebark, 173, Pawtucket, K.O.'ed Maurice Belanger, Fall River, in the third of a six.

Ernie Guisti, 140, West Warwick, knocked out Bobby English, 133, Fall River, in the first of another six.

Johnny Checko, 163½, Providence, knocked out Eddie Almeida, 158, Fall River, in the first of the opening four. Approximately 1700 fans paid a gross of 3100.

At the Fall River Casino—Eddie "Nonny" Soares, Providence, knocked out Young Goldie, Fall River, in one round.

At the Auditorium—Henry Jordan, Philadelphia, defeated Freddie Camuso, Fall River, in a ten-round main bout. Rocky DeLicio, Brooklyn, knocked out Carlin Roque, Cuba, in the third round of a semi-final eight. Maurice Belanger won a split six rounder from Alex Rebark. Leo Gagne, Fall River strong boy, defeated Charlie Fox, New York, in a six. Ernie Guisti knocked out Jimmy Steward, New Haven, in the first of another six. Johnny Checko knocked out Cliff Loring, New Haven, in the first.

At Marieville Gardens — Sammy Mammone, 139¼, Providence, won a split ten-round decision over Bobby Cummings, 143¼, Brooklyn. Alex Rebark, 173, Pawtucket, T.K.O.'ed Waddell Washington, 182, Worcester, in the seventh round of an eight-round semi-final.

Joe Kruski, New York, defeated Billy Napper in six. Both are welters. Hugh Murphy, New York, 158, K.O.'ed Joe Fenton, 150, New York, in two rounds.

IN SAVANNAH, GEORGIA
By PINKIE MASTERS

BOXING is coming back into its own in the deep South. Savannah, Macon, Jacksonville, Miami and New Orleans are some of the larger cities gaining headway, especially the last named which is drawing gates that surpass even the larger cities.

Little Frankie Carto, about the sweetest junior lightweight that ever hit the South, where at one time he was stationed at Parris Island, S. C., in the Marine Corps, is back on the rampage. His latest victim was Jackie Floyd.

Carlos Chavez, featherweight, who is stationed in Savannah, had easy going in stopping Lefty LaChance in the sixth round at Los Angeles, Calif. This battle was the "rubber" match of a series of three bouts, the first two of which were staged in Savannah. Carlos won the first but lost the second on a questionable decision.

Along Bash Boulevard—Eddie Steele, battling left hook artist from Macon, Ga., is the South's current middleweight rage. . . . Tommy Todd, once a great welter from Savannah, is now successfully staging wrestling matches at Augusta, Ga. . . . Joey Puig, star bantamweight of Tampa, has left that city for the great eastern states where the smaller men are more plentiful. . . . Wrestling has taken Savannah by storm with such men as Nick Carter, Al Massey, Jack Singer, Babe Zaharias, Jack Dillon, Rolland Kirschmeyer and world champion Bill Longson having already made their appearances there to the delight of the many fans. . . . Jimmy Murdock is still the head man at Jacksonville. . . . Joe Valdes of Tampa has a good string of fighters under his wing as has Ramon Perez. Willie Santana, also from that city, is still in the sport.

The Victory Sports Club of Savannah, Ga., have resumed their winter boxing season. Managers and fighters are requested to get in touch with Promoter Pinkie Lou Masters, 1415 Second Avenue, Savannah Beach, Savannah, Ga. Kindly send full particulars in first letter.

TIMELY CHATTER FROM GREAT BRITAIN

By JOHN S. SHARPE

JACK SOLOMONS, genial promoter, never seen without a cigar, is branching out these days, and after staging the Woodcock-London heavyweight match at Tottenham Football Grounds, he took the new British and Empire title holder to Eire, where at the Theatre Royal, Dublin, he staged his first big promotion outside of England, and gave as his main bout, Bruce Woodcock of Doncaster, and the Irish heavyweight champion, Martin Thornton, in what was scheduled as a ten rounder. It went only as far as the third round, when Woodcock scored a technical kayo over the big Irishman.

The packed arena saw Woodcock deal out severe punishment to Thornton. The champ cut Thornton's eye in the second, and continued to pound him heavily into the third, in which round Thornton decided to cry quits.

A really thrilling bout, saw Johnny Ingle of Dublin win the Irish Lightweight Championship, when he defeated Jimmy Smith of Clonmel. Ingle received a points verdict over twelve rounds. He gave a display of boxing and fighting that had Smith obviously beaten before the referee gave his decision.

Jimmy Ingle of Dublin, brother of Johnny, outpointed Tommy Davies, Middles Champion of Wales, over ten rounds by a clear margin, while Spike McCormick of Dublin defeated Paddy Lyons of Dewsbury on points over eight rounds.

In a flyweight contest scheduled for eight rounds, Jimmy Wester of London knocked out Joe Collins of Dublin in the seventh session.

Tommy Jones of Derby defeated Johnny Boyd of Peterborough in eight rounds at Derby before a packed house at Mr. Jerry Shaw's promotion. It was a bout of thrills.

Arthur Wright of Peterborough outpointed Billy Cunningham of Kew in eight rounds. Wright was forced to fight hard all the way to win a narrow points decision.

Reg Hunt of Derby and Tony Roberts of Canada fought an interesting draw of eight rounds.

Billy Dumbleton of Derby outpointed Ernie Gilroy of Glasgow over six rounds while Tom Brownlow of Peterborough beat Mick Delaney of Ireland who retired at the end of the fourth.

It is with extreme regret that I write of the passing of an old and esteemed friend, Hugh McAlevey, the well-known Irish Sportsman who died in Belfast after a long illness.

Hughie, one of the old brigade, was a rare boxing fan. He would travel miles to see a good show, in fact he had seen every World's Heavyweight Title Match for the past forty years, even making the trip to Australia to witness the Tommy Burns-Jack Johnson contest.

A friend to all, always willing to lend a helping hand, a fitting epitaph would be, "Here was a Man."

"May his dear soul rest in peace."

Mickie Colbert, 116¾ lbs., of Ireland, was extremely fortunate in winning over Tommy Burney of Liverpool, 110½ lbs., at the Liverpool Stadium, Burney, who had been a last minute substitute and had made all the running, building up a points lead, suffered an extremely badly cut eyebrow and was forced to retire at the end of the seventh round, leaving Colbert the winner.

Lloyd Hartley of Jamaica forced Danny Mack of Liverpool to retire in the third of a scheduled eight rounds lightweight bout, while Charlie Smith of Birkenhead dealt out the same punishment to Jack Humphreys of Leeds.

Joe Crawford of Bootle won over Al Gamage of Crewe in the second of a scheduled six-rounder.

Dave Charles of Liverpool outpointed Jimmy Barton of the Army over six rounds in a fast and furious curtain raiser.

Gus Foran, 120¾ lbs., of Liverpool, sprang a surprise at the Dome, Brighton, when he reversed a previous decision by outpointing the World's Flyweight Champion, Jackie Paterson of Glasgow, over eight rounds. The match was made at 120 pounds.

The champ set a hot pace, but Foran was quite willing, and the latter piled up the points, frequently making Paterson miss.

In the fourth stanza, Foran suffered a cut eyebrow, but his seconds patched this up in the interval between rounds, and it did not handicap the Liverpool battler, who continued to carry the bout to Paterson, and ran out a good points winner.

Petty Officer Ben Duffy (Royal Navy), gave weight and a beating to Bob Ramsay of Stepney over eight rounds.

Ramsay was never a danger to the naval man, who picked and chose his punches, and was way ahead at the close.

Reg Andrews of London and George Preston of Brighton fought good and hard for six rounds to a draw.

Mark Hart of Croydon knocked out Harry Kaye of Stepney in the first round after Kaye had taken five counts.

Dave Crowley of Clerkenwell and Hal Cartwright of Tipton met in a dull and uninteresting contest scheduled for eight rounds.

The contest suddenly came to life in the seventh when Crowley caught the Tipton lad who was floored for the full count.

Jock McCusker of Glasgow defeated the former Irish Middleweight Champion, Moss Leen, at the Grove Stadium, Glasgow. McCusker was the aggressor throughout the ten rounds.

Jimmy Dunn of Glasgow scored a brilliant points win over Bobby MacDonald of Glasgow over ten rounds.

Billy McCarthy of Coatbridge gained a points decision over a stubborn opponent in Seaman Hayton of Crewe in a ten round welterweight contest.

Pat Coleman of Nottingham outpointed George Dougan of Maryhill over six rounds.

Jimmy Stubbs, 128 lbs., of Runcron, outpointed Harry McAuley, 126¾ lbs., of Belfast, over ten fast rounds in the top line bout at the Stadium, Liverpool.

Ginger Ward of Merthyr and Royal Navy won over Charlie Smith of Birkenhead by a technical kayo in the fifth of a scheduled eight-round contest.

Stan Hawthorn of South Shields forced Jacky McGouran of Ireland to retire in the fifth of a scheduled eight-round contest. This was a featherweight contest.

Joe Merryweather of Liverpool won over Johnny Smith of Southport in the third of a scheduled six-rounder.

Frank Williams of Birkenhead outpointed George Green of Warrington over six rounds.

Billy Ashton of Liverpool, originally paired with the Empire Bantamweight Champion Jim Brady of Dundee, met a substitute in Cliff Morriss of Pontypridd at Eastwood when Brady was unable to appear, and stopped the substitute in the fifth round.

During the fifth round Ashton opened a nasty cut over the Welsh lad's eye, and the latter retired at the end of the round. Up to that time it was a nip and tuck tussle.

Tommy Plowright of Ilkeston scored a good win over Stan Mace of Nottingham, when, after dealing out severe punishment to the Nottingham lad, the latter's chief second skied the towel during the sixth round of a scheduled ten rounder.

George Butler of Eastwood knocked out Wilf Parkin of Mansfield in the sixth and last round of their contest.

Alf Phillips of Newark outpointed Pat Murphy of Nottingham over six rounds.

Ron Hatton of High Wycombe at present serving in the RAF and Johnny MacDonald of Luton also in the RAF met over a scheduled ten-round course and put up a very good show until MacDonald was forced to retire in the third stanza when he had twisted his knee and was unable to continue. There had been little to choose between the two contestants, and the end was unfortunate.

Jimmy Jury of Bournemouth had an easy journey when he outpointed Jack Watkins of Muswell Hill over eight rounds.

Teddy Peckham of Bournemouth and Jackie Swann of Glasgow put up what the fans vociferously decided was the best bout of the evening and after an always interesting contest, Peckham received a narrow decision.

Jerry Nagle of Cork defeated Jack Taylor of Bournemouth over eight rounds on points, while Jim Teesdale of Middlesborough outpointed Jackie Moran of Bournemouth over six rounds, and Charlie Collett of Hemel Hempstead knocked out Jeff Wilson of Windsor in the second of a scheduled six rounder.

The show, in aid of the Licensed Victuallers School, Slough, was presented by Eddie Mallett at the Watford Town Hall.

Harry Legge of Bournemouth outpointed Ken Wells of Southampton over five interesting rounds at the Drill Hall, Willesden.

Tommy Barnham of Fulnam outpointed Arthur Maply in good style over six rounds.

Jimmy Jury of Bournemouth was disqualified in the fifth of a scheduled eight-round contest for persistent hitting with the open glove in his bout with Billy Taylor of Chiswick.

Eric Stevens of Enfield outpointed Fred O'Connell of Ireland over six rounds.

Lewis Hughes of Doncaster kayoed Freddie Sorrell (RAF) in the second of a scheduled six-round contest.

Ronnie Crogan of the Royal Navy outpointed Charlie Bolding (RAF) over eight hard-fought rounds, while Johnny Birkwell knocked out Billy Braybrook in the second of a scheduled six-round affair.

A record crowd of 30,000 fans braved a torrential downpour of rain, complete with thunder and lightning effects, to witness the Empire Bantamweight Championship contest, between the holder, Jim Brady, 117 lbs., of Dundee, and the challenger, World's Flyweight Champion Jackie Paterson, 117 lbs., of Glasgow in 15 rounds at Hampden Park, Glasgow.

This contest, which also served as an eliminator for the bantamweight title held by Johnny King, was won on points by Paterson, after a well-planned and well-carried out campaign.

Paterson began well, using the opening sessions to feel out his wily opponent, who countered in good fashion, causing the Flyweight Champion to miss when he threw out his piledriver rights.

Brady sustained a nasty cut over the left eye during the fourth round, but fought back tenaciously, and succeeded in catching Paterson with a peach of a right uppercut which gave the latter much to think about.

Southpaw Paterson seemed to tire and began to stumble around the ring which was soaking wet from the rain and both lads had difficulty in maintaining proper balance, although it seemed that Brady had the slight edge at this time.

Soon both lads were bleeding from the nose and seemed much the worse for wear, and it was then that Paterson made his all out effort, forcing Brady around the ring and gradually taking the initiative, which earned him Referee C. B. Thomas's verdict at the end.

Promoter George Grant is now in negotiation with the managers of World's Bantamweight Champion, Manuel Ortiz, in an endeavor to pursuade Ortiz to pay a visit to this country, and defend his title against Paterson . . . a bout which should be well-worth seeing.

The chief supporting contest to the Paterson-Brady bout saw Ken Shaw of Dundee win the Scottish Heavyweight Title when he forced Jock Porter of Kinross to retire in the eighth of a scheduled 15-round contest with a rib fractured on his left side.

Porter had run up a points margin in his favor, and but for this unfortunate ending, had seemed set to win the contest by virtue of his greater speed, heavier hitting, and all around boxing ability.

It was in the eighth round that Porter sustained his injury, when he took a right hook to the body which floored him, obviously in great pain.

He arose at seven, intimating to Referee Jack Dare his inability to continue.

It was indeed an unfortunate ending for Porter who has had to cancel several future engagements while being treated at a hospital.

Alex Murphy of Port Glasgow seemed unfortunate when after making all the running in his contest with Cpl. Charles Kerr of Perth over eight rounds the decision went to Kerr amid a very mixed reception.

Eddie Starrs of Lochgelly defeated Marcel Ludovina of the French Navy in the third of a scheduled eight-round contest, when his chief second skied the towel after the Frenchman had taken two counts and seemed in a bad way.

J. P. Bryce of Airdre outpointed Jerry Delaney of Glasgow in six rounds.

George Odwell of Camden Town defeated Jack Merino of Bridgewater, the referee stopping the contest at the end of the fourth round of a scheduled eight-round contest at Islington.

Both boys sustained cut eyebrows but Odwell dealt out far more punishment and although Merino fought back pluckily, it was obvious that he was outclassed and the referee then applied the closure.

Mark Hart of Croydon defeated Eddie Lust of Canada, the referee calling a halt in the fourth of a six-round cruiserweight contest.

Lust proved rough, tough, and willing to mix it with Hart, but he took plenty of punishment, and after being floored for eight in the third session, and twice more in the fourth, the referee stopped the bout.

Pat Cubis of Luton knocked out Ernie Ward of Kingston in the second of a six-rounder, while Billy Taylor of Chiswick outpointed Billy Cunningham of Kew in eight rounds and Billy Gunn of Scotland outpointed Eric Stevens of Enfield in eight rounds.

Jack Coles of Bargoed outpointed Harry Free-

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man of Dagenham in eight rounds after dealing out severe punishment to his opponent who had a seven-pound weight advantage.

The contest, staged at Chepstow Town Hall, gave a fair share of thrills, with Coles obviously the winner.

Fred Cook of Pegham beat Ken Hall of Bridgend on points over eight rounds, while over six rounds J. Williams of Bargoed outpointed K. Teal of Bridgend, and George Howells of Bargoed beat Tommy Gwilym of Bargoed on points.

Mr. Jerry Shaw, promoting at the Central Hall, Derby, brought together Bob Bates of Durham and Ken Barratt of Cardiff over the eight-round course, with Bates taking the offensive from the start and piling on the pressure as the contest proceeded, to run out a good points winner.

Hughie Smith of Sunderland outpointed Arthur Wright of Peterborough over eight rounds of clever boxing, hard hitting, and no clinching.

Dick Levers of Chesterfield showed better ring generalship than his opponent when he received an eight-rounds points decision over Joe Crawford of Liverpool.

Bill Dumbleton of Derby defeated Tom Bodel of Swadlincote over six rounds, while Fred Holmes of Normanton defeated Al Wilkinson of Derby on points in six rounds.

Arthur Danahar, Southern Area Welterweight Champion, retained his title and reversed a previous decision when he outpointed Harry Davis of Bethnal Green in twelve rounds at the Queensberry All-Services Club.

This match was made with a side-stake, Danahar staking $1,000 to the $500 of Davis.

Both lads weighed in at 146 lbs., and it was obvious that Danahar was the master, from the first gong, the Area Champion taking command of the bout from the word "go", and after 12 rounds, with Danahar making all the running, Referee Eugene Henderson had no hesitation at the end in awarding the decision to Danahar.

Both Ernie Woodman of Battersea and Len Bennett of Bethnal Green slugged it out feverishly over eight rounds, neither landing telling blows, and it was only Woodman's experience that gained him a narrow points decision at the end. This was a Cruiserweight contest.

Ben Duffy of South Shields seemed lucky to win over Johnny Ward of Ireland when after being on the receiving end throughout, he was sent down by a punch on the kidneys which resulted in Ward's disqualification.

Tommy Barnham of Fulnam, now fully recovered after 4½ years as a Prisoner-of-War, scored a knockout victory over Tommy Foxall of Tipton in the fourth.

Mark Hart of Croydon outpointed Ted Barter of Kingston over six rounds, and despite flooring his opponent three times for long counts, he could not land a finishing blow and had to be content with a points win.

Albert Finch of Croydon outpointed Gordon Griffiths of Chatham over 6 rounds, while Cliff Anderson of British Guiana knocked out Mickey Jones of Southend in the second round of a bantamweight contest.

Ron Hatton of High Wycombe was easily defeated by Jim Bryant of Gloucester over eight rounds in the main bout at High Wycombe.

Bryan took two long counts in the second round, and seemed set for a bad time, but he recovered well and took control of the bout, dictating all the exchanges and was a popular winner at the end.

Jim Teasdale of Middlesborough, knocked out Jack Moran of Bournemouth in the last of an eight-round contest.

It was Moran that forced the fight, until the sixth round, when he seemed to tire, and then took several long counts. Teasdale's greater experience and punching power gaining for him a good win.

Over eight rounds, Jerry Nagle of Cork and Jackie Taylor of High Wycombe boxed a draw.

Harry Legge of Bournemouth substituting for Ken Wells of Southampton, outclassed Mick O'Grady of Aylesbury, the referee intervening in the fifth to save O'Grady from further punishment.

Sixteen-year-old Ted Peckham of Southampton gave a grand display when knocking out Pte. Jack Swann (Glasgow) in the fifth.

Rinty Monaghan of Belfast, returning to the squared circle after an absence of five years, at the Liverpool Stadium, scored an impressive win over Tommy Burney of Liverpool and will prove a rough handful for any flyweight in the world.

Monaghan's victory, although by no means one-sided, was never in doubt.

Peter Fallon of Birkenhead knocked out Moe Walker of Leicester in one minute 44 seconds of the first, with a peach of a right cross. Dave Edwards of Liverpool gave a similar dose to Jackie Bird of Nottingham in two minutes of the first round, using a left hook to accomplish the coup-de-grace.

In six rounds Tony Martin of Warrington outpointed Stan Conn of Liverpool, while Jackie Tremlow of Eccles defeated Norman James of Liverpool on points.

Harry Swinburne of Glasgow and Harry Hughes of Hamilton met in the main bout in ten rounds at the Grove Stadium, Glasgow, and gave the fans ten rounds of sheer thrills, with no clinches, while the crowd were on their toes yelling for more.

Swinburne knocked Hughes clear out of the ring during the eighth session, for a count of eight, but Hughes made a gallant recovery, lasting the distance, to lose on points.

Billy McCarthy of Coatbridge defeated Peter Brown of Falkirk who retired in the seventh.

Jimmy Dunn of Glasgow defeated Les Brown of Gateshead in the fifth, while Pat Donnelly of Newcastle injured his ankle during the first round of his bout with Johnny Hook of London and was forced to retire.

Mark Hart, Ex-Amateur Heavyweight Champion, conceded 42 pounds to Fred Clarke of Edmonton and forced his far heavier opponent to retire in the sixth at the Winter Assembly Hall, Luton.

Hart, the aggressor throughout, was landing freely, and evading all the bigger man's attempts at retaliation, and when Clark sustained a badly-cut lip in the sixth session, he wisely retired.

Mick O'Brien of Ireland defeated Bill Haley of Edmonton on points in eight rounds.

Jack Watkins of Muswell Hill drew with Eric Stevens of Canning Town in eight rounds.

Danny McCormick of Luton won over Dan Kytley of Luton, the referee calling a halt in the third, while Jack Merino of Bridgewater defeated Pat Cubits of Luton on points in six, and Ted Barter of Kingston defeated Jack Barr of Tolworth in the sixth.

Charlie Knock of Hanley and Lucien Courtois of France, both middleweights, met in an eight-rounder at Watford and gave the fans at this hall one of the best contests they have witnessed in ages, when, with Mr. C. H. Douglas as third man, the two lads went at it hammer and tongs and kept it up throughout, when to the surprise of all concerned they were still on their feet and a narrow points verdict went to Knock. A return match for this venue would be a sure sell-out.

Freddie Wheeler of Basingstoke outpointed Jimmy Anderson of Waltham Cross in eight fast rounds.

Sergt. Instructor Al Riches of Luton fought eight fierce rounds with Ron Jones of Newport with first one and then the other taking the advantage with a draw being the only possible result.

Mick Duff of Stepney was too strong for Sid Beech of Tunstall, the towel being skied in the first after Beech had taken two long counts.

Harry O'Brady of Amersham and Tom Leahy of Ireland met in eight rounds marred by much holding with O'Grady receiving the nod.

George Wright of Enfield and Jim Roberts boxed a draw in four rounds.

Harry Hurst, the fast-moving and hard-punching Canadian, scored a good win over Jimmy O'Brien of Sidmouth at the Stadium, Liverpool, in ten gruelling rounds.

The Canadian lad forced the pace and then when he found that O'Brien was tiring he piled on the speed and was a clear and convincing winner at the end.

Johnny Bodye of Peterborough clearly outpointed Jackie Hughes of St. Helens over eight rounds.

Ronnie Quinnet of Canada knocked out Lionel Creber of Peterborough in the second of a scheduled six rounds.

Bernard Pugh of Liverpool defeated Roy Ball of Pontypool after eight rounds.

Johnny Clements of Coatbridge scored a narrow points win over Jock McCusker of Glasgow at the Grove Stadium, Glasgow, over ten rounds. Frank Brown of Dumbarton boxed well to defeat Don Wilson of Warrington in eight rounds.

Frank Marro of Dumbarton hit too hard and too often for Jack Bryce who was easily outpointed in ten rounds.

Pat Donnelly of Newcastle outpointed Peter Gardiner of Glasgow in six rounds.

Undefeated Ex-Middleweight Champion, Jock McAvoy, now embarked upon the come-back trail, chalked up another victory although by a narrow margin when he outpointed Tommy Davies, Welsh Middles Champion, in eight rounds at Veitch Field, Swansea.

McAvoy set the pace right from the opening gong, and with a terrific right to the head opened a nasty cut over Davies' eye.

McAvoy continued to attack and floored the Welshman in the fourth, the bell coming to his rescue at "5".

After this, the Rochdale man punished Davies unmercifully until the sixth when he seemed to tire and then Davies began to open up.

The last round produced many thrills and McAvoy was forced to take a count of "3", as Davies went all out for a knockout. On rising he stayed out of trouble for the remainder of the round, and ran out a narrow winner.

Joe Curran of Liverpool retired in the fourth of a scheduled eight rounds contest with Norman Lewis of Wales when he had sustained a very badly cut right eyebrow.

There was little to choose between the two men at the unfortunate ending, and it must be added that Curran's retirement was wise as his eye was in very bad shape indeed.

In a 12-round eliminator for the Welsh Middles Title, Taffy Williams of Swansea defeated Willie Piper of Swansea who retired at the end of the ninth session with a badly-cut eyebrow.

At the closure Piper had been dropped several times and was way behind on points.

In six rounders Tommy Jones of Llanelly outpointed Tommy Foxall of Tipton, while Cliff Curtis of Swansea outpointed Tommy Plowright of Ilkeston over the same distance.

Thirty-five-year-old Eddie Phillips, 189 lbs., the Bow heavyweight, embarked upon the come-back trail after a six-year absence from the squared circle, with the view that if the other ring veterans, Tarleton, Roderick, and McAvoy could do well, so could he . . . and he proved to all at the Royal Albert Hall, that he could, when he easily outpointed the Swedish heavyweight, Olie Tandberg, 203 lbs.

He floored the Swede in the second round. Whether this victory will place Phillips in the running for title honors again, is a matter for conjecture, for it is true that Tandberg gave the Bow Giant nothing like the opposition that had been expected, and for eight rounds Phillips had matters entirely his own way, and ran out a points winner by a wide margin!

Promoter Jack Solomons, who had partially decided to match the winner of this contest with British Champion Bruce Woodcock, has now decided that Phillips needs a few more warming up fights prior to meeting Woodcock. I would say many more warming up fights. . . many, many more!

Cyril Gallie, of Wales, 140½, an ex-A.B.A. welterweight champion, was an unlucky loser, when after giving a polished exhibition in his eight round encounter with Claude Dennington, 138, protege of ex-world's champion Ted "Kid" Lewis, and flooring Dennington three times, he dislocated his elbow. He fell to the canvas in great pain and was counted out before his injury was discovered.

It was a disastrous end for Gallie, who would, had the bout continued, been a clear winner.

Ronnie James, 142½, Lightweight Champion of Great Britain, and Jimmy Molloy, of St. Helens, 142½, put up an uninteresting display for three of their scheduled eight round contest, when Molloy struck an unintentionally low blow and was immediately ruled out.

Harry Silver, of Clapton, 142, and Bobby Ramsey, of Stepney, 139, put up a toe-to-toe slugging match of eight rounds, with neither lad holding the advantage for long. The referee had no alternative but to declare a draw.

Billy Walker (Blaydon), 146, outpointed Jimmy Davies, 150, of Bethnal Green, in eight rounds, and Tiny Bostock, 117½, of Leek, outpointed Ivor Gravell, of Wales, 119½, the same distance.

Ronnie Clayton, of Blackpool, 125½, and serving in the Fleet Air Arm, won over Charlie Meikle, of Belfast, 123¾, by a technical knockout in the third, at the Stadium, Liverpool.

Peter Fallon, of Birkenhead, won by a technical knockout over Ralph Moss, of Blackpool, in the fourth, in another featherweight contest.

Stan Hawthorn, of South Shields, knocked out Alex Highfield, of Wednesbury, in the first of a scheduled eight round lightweight contest.

Terry Tinker, of Rotherham, won on points over Noel Wagener, of Keighley, in six rounds, in a heavyweight bout.

Jackie Tremlow, of Eccles, won on points over Tiger Denton, of Sheffield, in six rounds.

Ken Shaw, of Dundee, holder of the Scottish Heavyweight Championship, gained a points decision over Alf Brown, of London, former A.B.A. heavyweight champion, over eight rounds at Leicester.

Brown shook Shaw in the fifth, with a hard left, but Shaw recovered well, and floored the Londoner for five in the next session.

There was some good close quarters work from both lads, and the referee's decision met with a mixed reception at the end.

Henry Hall, the young Sheffield welter, ex-A.B.A. Welterweight Champion, unbeaten as a professional, added another to his string of victories, when he outpointed Dick Shields, of Liverpool, in eight rounds.

Basil McGee, of Liverpool, was knocked out in the fifth by Billy Innes, of Scotland.

Bunty Doran, of Ireland, defeated Jimmy Gill, of Nottingham, on points in eight rounds.

Vernon Ball, of Wales, defeated Tommy Plowright, of Ilkeston, the referee stopping the contest in the sixth.

Johnny Molloy, 135, of St. Helens, was disqualified in the eighth of a lightweight bout, when he hit Paddy Dowall, of Dublin, 135, an unfortunately low blow. The Irish lad sank to the canvas and the referee disqualified Molloy. An unhappy ending to an extremely interesting bout at the Liverpool Stadium.

Joe Collins, of Dublin, 118, was knocked out in the sixth of a bantamweight bout, by Tommy Burney, of Liverpool, 109½.

Eddie Douglas, of Liverpool, won over Jackie Chambers, of the Army, by a technical knockout in the fifth.

Frank Williams, of Birkenhead, won over Norman James, of Liverpool, by a technical knockout in the third, in a bantamweight contest.

George Green, of Liverpool, won over Paddy O'Toole, of Liverpool, in a technical knockout in the third.

UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES

By PVT. TOM EPHREM

BACK HOME from the European Theater, Staff Sergeant Tommy Gomez, Tampa heavyweight standout, will resume his fistic career after he gets his discharge. Gomez was badly wounded in the battle against the Nazis but recovered. While in Germany, with the 78th Division, Tommy helped with the boxing programs, and refereed many of the soldier bouts. With boxing taking a turn for the better in Florida, the re-entry of the hard hitting Tampan should further help the sport, particularly in his home town, where three fight shows each week give the fans their chief entertainment. Gomez has the Purple Heart and three bronze battle stars and the European Theater Ribbon.

Jacksonville Naval Air Station's crack heavyweight, Norman Evanson, who boxes under the name of Jimmy Evans, may be discharged from the Service soon. This Brooklyn heavyweight is a good prospect. He scored four single round kayoes in his pro contests here. His style is pleasing. He is a classy boxer. Jimmy is married to a Jacksonville girl.

A good prospect, according to Arnold Finnefrock, Sports Editor of the Florida *Times Union*, is middleweight Eddie Steele, of Wheeling, West Virginia. "Finney's" enthusiasm over the Wheeling boy is the latter's ability to avoid blows, and ride with those he does catch. He can punch, too.

Eddie Balanky, one of Jacksonville's finest amateur glove wielders, looks better than ever as we saw while home. Eddie is stationed in Jacksonville's Naval Air Station, a break from the previous hell that he and his buddies went through in Pacific waters.

Bruce Woodcock, who is the current rave in England's boxingdom, who became heavyweight king by his kayo triumph over Jack London was typed as a "comer" three years ago in THE RING. A peek at RING Magazine's February issue, 1942, will find Beltin' Bruce THE RING's best heavyweight prospect. Look it up.

Tom Sharkey, another amateur developed on the playgrounds of Jacksonville, later becoming an outstanding fighter in the pro ranks among Florida battlers, has been discharged from the Navy. Tom, who started off his fistic days as a tiny 60 pounder, now tips the broad beams at 210 pounds.

Had the Florida State Legislature passed the boxing bill which was up before the session in Tallahassee recently, it would have saved 17-year-old Elmer Barber's life. Section 34 of the bill is quoted:

"Age of Participants: No person under the age of eighteen years shall participate in any professional boxing, sparring, or wrestling."

Young Barber, boxing his first professional fight, faced Young Austin in the City Auditorium, Tampa, a lightweight match. Austin, likewise, was in his pro debut. Barber, under the name of Kid Jean, was knocked out in the fourth round, and revived in the ring. Starting for the dressing room, the youngster fell, his head striking the floor. A half-hour later, Elmer Barber died from a hemorrhage of the brain in the Tampa Hospital. The boxing bill was favored by all but two or three sports writers throughout Florida. But it died in the legislature's "military and veterans committee," and received nary a vote.

Phooey on Florida politics. This wasn't the first time a boxing bill was up before the legislature. Maybe 1947 will present a different attitude, but who knows what may happen between now and then?

The name, Eddie Steele, has confused us. There are two boxers, we find, who use this name in their ring appearances. The actual Eddie Steele is a middleweight from Macon, Georgia, and is a good boy with the dukes. But so is the other "Eddie Steele," or Eddie Barnett, a lightweight. Barnett comes from Roanoke, Virginia.

At Tampa: Ernie Petrone, Philadelphia scrapper, was awarded the duke over Lefty Chillo, Mexico City, in the ten round main go at the Auditorium, a V.F.W. card. Both boys weighed 137. It was a split decision. Fidel Rivera, colorful Mexican lightweight, kayoed the veteran Ceal Yancey, same weight, in an old fashioned slugfest. The end came when the Mexican left hooked, then right crossed his foe.

In four rounders, Young Louis knocked out Young Snapper, both 122, the end coming in the fourth and final round. Charlie Stokes, 128, decisioned Osage Neil, 129.

Andy O'Rourke, one of the committeemen on the Harvey Seeds Post in Miami, died suddenly on September 11. He was a great sports fan. He was among the men who were planning to build boxing on a greater scale in the Resort City.

"Pa" Stribling, father-manager of the late Southern fistic idol, W. L. "Young" Stribling, is improving after an illness, and is now home from the hospital.

Florida fistic veterans are making hay while the sun shines. At least, as long as it lasts. Quite a number of the "ole timers" are in the ring again, trying to earn some change before that latest crop of cauliflower clouters come home from the Service.

Cpl. Billy Conn and Staff Sergeant Buddy Baer were discharged at the separation center at Camp Lee, Va. Conn is making ready for that second fight with Joe Louis, which takes place next June.

Elmer "Kid" Ray, Hastings, Florida, Negro heavyweight ace, returned to the ring after an injury to his hand. He kayoed Henry Cooper in three rounds at St. Paul.

"Pop" Stouffer, a veteran in the boxing game from St. Petersburg, is laying claim to the bantamweight and featherweight championships of the South for his fighter, Red Hutchins, also of St. Pete. Titles are won in the ring only, "Pop", but your Hutchins is capable of giving any Southerner with the same claims, a mighty interesting tussle, and they'll have to go a long way to beat the Red.

At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on Sept. 19—Fritzie Zivic, former king of the welterweights, got on the other side of "Losing Lane" and chalked up a ten-round win over Billy Deeg, who weighed 148 to Fritz's 150. Deeg is from Corpus Christi, Texas.

Best prospect in the South today, now that Bernard Docusen, New Orleans sensation, has crashed the big time, is a Macon, Georgia, lad, answering to the name of Harold Meredith. Keep tabs on him. Harold is a lightweight. Joe Leto, Tampa's best known fight manager and one of the well known members of the fisticlan of the same name, is completely sold on the Maconite.

Miami has a heavyweight prospect, undefeated at this here writing. His name is "Red" Morrison, and he has copped five straight.

Amateur boxing is also helping Miami become more fight conscious. The Biscayne Athletic Club runs the shows under the supervision of O. K. Eschman. The leading simon pures from Miami and its surrounding areas participate for the fans.

Eddie Wilson, Jacksonville's hot flyweight during her best boxing days, under the Ed Corley regime, has been discharged from the service. Eddie, former school-mate of your humble correspondent, saw three years' service with the U. S. Naval Reserve and saw action out on Guam. Other Pacific spots were the Marshalls, Palmyra, and Pearl Harbor. He was a shipfitter, first class. Wilson (Eddie Wilson Kirkland) will make his home in Houston, Texas.

Buddy Rose, aggressive middleweight fighter, hopes to open up a training camp for boxers and those who aim to keep themselves in ace high condition. Buddy's spot will be located at Smith Lake (near Tampa).

Lou Viscusi, a Tampa boy who made good in the managing and promoting fields, especially as manager of the present featherweight champion, Willie "The Wizard" Pep, was a visitor in Jacksonville, en route to his Tampa home.

At Macon, Georgia, Sept. 18: Harold Meredith, Macon lightweight, the latest fistic find in the South, scored a five-round T.K.O. at the expense of Carl McKinney of Jacksonville before home towners. Carl failed to come out for the fifth. Meredith appeared before Miami boxing fans and displayed plenty of form to cause excitement.

On September 13, at Miami, before Armory fans, Harold appeared in an exhibition four rounder with Lefty Coleman and made a hit.

A good match for Jacksonville fight fans, since Tommy Gomez, the Tampa heavyweight challenger is back to resume boxing after being overseas, would be Gomez and Al Sinibaldi, former New England light-heavyweight ace. Al has put on some weight, enough to make him into a fit heavy. He is stationed in Jacksonville, and this match is a natural for Jack Laken, who is staging fights here under the Veterans of Foreign Wars' sponsorship.

S/Sgt. Don Wallenfang, and Sailor George Feltes, welterweight and middleweight fighters of Ray Heling's stable, have sufficient points and will be out of the Service shortly, according to Ray's letter. All are Milwaukeeans. Don has the notion to return to the ring, after almost succumbing to the dreaded spinal meningitis in our hospital (60th Station) while in Senigallia, Italy. His attendant, Major Philip Blank of Pittsburgh, Pa., advised Don to leave boxing alone or suffer possibly a re-occurrence.

Manila Bay, Philippines—Don Hamill, RING correspondent, has been transferred to Admiral Hill's flagship. The Admiral is Commander of the Fifth Amphibious Forces. Hamill was in the invasion of Iwo Jima, was at Okinawa, and now is in Japan. Don is short 8½ points of the Navy's required 44 to get out. But the points will naturally be lowered again, and Don can go back, as many will, to their homes. The Connecticut correspondent has seven fighters lined up, all new blood, or with few pro bouts under their belt, and Don is enthusiastic about each lad.

This here corner will be taking care of all Southern boxing notes, and Service notes from U.S. camps.

In Jacksonville, Florida, THE RING Magazine can be purchased in the downtown area at Jake Rachliffe's newsstand. Jake's Stand is located off the corner of Hogan and Forsyth Streets, directly across the large parking lot for downtown shoppers. Jake is a disabled veteran of the First World War and he has the greatest admiration for the boys in uniform. For your home town papers, magazines, and THE RING, don't fail to get same at Jake's.

The boxing boom in Florida is hitting on all fours. Miami, Tampa and Jacksonville are the leading cities where the bouts are staged. Clearwater is the latest to get started with the American Legion post at the helm.

Jack Sentler, ex-amateur boxing middleweight star in Jacksonville's heydays, was given a medical discharge from the Army. Jack served with the 4th Infantry Division, First Army, and his leg was injured in battle. His "scenic tour" included Scotland, England, France, Belgium, Luxemburg, Ardennes, and Germany.

An effort is being made by Raymond Perez, matchmaker of the Vets of Foreign Wars shows in Tampa, to match "Red" Hutchins and Pee Wee Flores, in which ten per cent of the gross gate goes to the Tampa University building fund. Flores beat Tampa's Joey Puig, while "Red" took a decision from Chino Alvarez.

Unorthodox, but a colorful fighter, is the Mexican Jumping Bean who answers to the name of Fidel Rivera, 134 pounder from Vera Cruz, Mexico. His style went over big with the fight fans in Miami.

Add another boxing star who fell a hero's death in the Battle for Freedom's Cause—Corporal Robert A. (Bob) Frailey, middleweight from Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and a fighting Marine. He saw considerable action and met his fate in the struggle at Okinawa. Bob was popularly known in Lancaster rings, one of the city's best, and a fighter with ability. The Marine appeared on many cards promoted by the St. Joe Club in Lancaster, a Catholic organization.

Two of Lancaster, Pa.'s, favorite fistic sons, brothers at that, Anthony (Pinkie) and Andrew (Hutz) Stoe, are now back home from Europe. Hutz is discharged, while Pinkie awaits his. 'Twas our great pleasure to have met both boys in Lancaster. Pinkie, the lucky fella, will be married by the time this gets into print. The Lady Fair is Miss Gloria (Glory) Hauck, daughter of Mrs. Helen (Mommy) Hauck. And is this here Hauck family a bevy of fight fans? Amen, Brothers, from the first word, too. Congrats, "Glory" and "Pinkie"—All the happiness and luck.

Pfc. Mark Fannon, ye olde New England RING Correspondent, is now in Grenoble, France. He is taking up a course in French. Mark speaks French pretty well, but wants to improve.

Boxing, as you like it, or a money back guarantee. That's the plan of the Harvey Seeds Post boxing shows down at Miami, with W. H. Peeples, Jr., at the matchmaking helm. Peeples, Bill Davis, chairman of the committee, Marty Deer, the Post Commander, Carroll Tomey, Lynn Davis and Andrew O'Rourke agreed on this new plan. Profits from the HS Post have been used to aid Servicemen. And you can't wish anyone better luck than this committee. Construction of a 6,000 seating capacity all-sports arena on its property at N.E. 66th St. and Biscayne Boulevard, is another of the committee's plans.

Pfc. Johnny Blaine, formerly a New Yorker, but for the past decade a Jacksonville resident, is doing mighty good work in promoting the fights for the servicemen at Camp Lee, Virginia, according to Maurice Goldblatt. Maurice is a Jaxon.

If you see a speck along the horizon gradually forming into a dark cloud, then you'll know it's the new heavyweight menace, Al Hoosman, a tall Negro boxer with probably every essential weapon to carry him high towards the gilded throne. That is, if Joe Louis and Billy Conn were out of the picture, but Al will be in there when the two are bidding bye-bye to the boxing game. Hoosman was the sensation of Australian rings. His six-foot-five carried his 210 pound frame to victory after victory, nary a loss to be chalked against him. His age—25. Oh, his victories number 40. This boy bears more than just watching. Al was an M.P. in the American Forces.

By the time this comes off the press, your humble correspondent will be out of the Service on the discharge-by-points system. I aim to get into the boxing game as a booking agent for fighters, as well as handling some boys.

Please address all your boxing news and results to Pvt. Tom Ephrem, 403 West Ninth Street, Jacksonville 6, Florida. Everything is welcomed and appreciated.

Carl "The Red" Guggino, Tampa boy, who made good as a lightweight contender, is back home now and spars with the boys at the gym.

Buddy Rose, veteran middleweight who established Tampa as his home several years ago, has been released from the Service and is on a comeback.

Hard pressing Manny Gomez of Tampa for fistic honors is Charley Padalino, a hard-punching middleweight. In his last fight Charley was up against a tough boy, Eddie Steele, but he made Eddie quit in five. The latter claimed an injured mitt.

The Miami Boxing Commission issued licenses to the following: Harvey Seeds (American Legion) Boxing Promotions; Promoter Pal Malone, wrestling; Harry N. Davies, Dave White, Luther J. Yarborough, Anthony Florio, Forrest Lee Cummings, James S. Burman, and R. C. Bradley, were issued managers' licenses. The Harvey Seeds Post were given Mondays for holding its shows, replacing Thursdays. Sam Weinstein, who also promoted boxing for the Robert Tooms Knight Post (Veterans of Foreign Wars) did run his shows on Monday. However, the Commission carried over his license and it will be brought up at their next meeting. The VFW programs were held at the Biscayne Arena.

Merrill Tidwell, who defeated Jack Larrimore, is a lieutenant now. He made it at the Officers' Candidate School in Fort Benning, Ga. He soon leaves with his unit for Japan.

A sorry sight is to see a fighter go in the ring to engage in an eight or ten round mêlée, only to find him dog-tired at the half-way mark due to his condition. This sad plight is the type of boxing you get to see in Florida nowadays, despite the interest, with clubs operating weekly, particularly Tampa with three. Possibly a good suggestion is to conduct bouts of shorter distances, which would be fair to the fans, and a big help to the fighters themselves. Promoters can also profit, as the fights bring in the customers. Fans will pay and will go to see good matches.

At Tampa: October, 1st—A double featured Veterans of Foreign Wars card saw both tilts go over the same way, by the kayo route. Al Fern, Tampa southpaw lightweight, drove a right hander to Sonny Barton's jaw in the third round to finish one bout. In the other, Buddy Rose, a veteran ringster, put the sleeper on Babe Austin in round six. Barton is actually Sonny Yates, who fights out of Jacksonville. Three four rounders rounded out the card. In these, Ernest Nogues beat Paul Bustamante; Irish Chuck McManus and George Cueto tangled in a draw; and Charlie Stokes decisioned Red Walker.

Billy Moore, highly regarded down Miami way, has 40 wins against 3 losses, at this writing. . . . Lefty Chillo, another attraction, has wins over Jimmy Gresham and Pete Mirabella. Mirabella is a kayo winner over Jack Larrimore. Chillo stopped Armand Michaud in five in Miami, and before appearing in Florida, met and lost a decision to Nick Moran, new Madison Square Garden headliner.

Jimmy Sheppard, former light-heavy boxer from Springfield, Illinois, is head coach of the Parris Island boxing team (South Carolina).

Clarence "Buzz" Bradley, former Murphysboro, Illinois, featherweight boxer, discharged from the Service because of injuries, is majoring in physical education at Carthage College, Ill.

Cecil Shumway, Dallas, Texas, amateur heavyweight scrapper, is out of the Service and back home. He served splendidly with the Fifth and Seventh Armies, in Italy and then in France.

Jabs from Jacksonville—Dick Greelish, local southpaw lightweight, died in a Jap prison camp in the Pacific, Georgie Moye, local ex-fighter and manager tells us. Dick is a brother of Leon Greelish, a prime favorite with Jacksonville fans a few years ago. Leon fought in the welter ranks. . . . Steve Napoli has returned home after two years of service in New Guinea. . . . Joe Harrington (Duffy) has a prize protege in a local youth, George Henley, who stands six foot, four inches and weighs 197. George is only 18. He is with the Seabees in the Pacific. . . . And Andy Anderson, local lightweight, is the busiest of the fighters here. Andy performs regularly in Jacksonville, Tampa and Miami. . . . The dyed-in-the-wool boxing lovers in this city are itching to see good match-making in the bouts, mainly wondering when will someone with honest intentions give them all a break, which they all deserve. . . . Leon Foucart, local light-heavy, has been discharged from the service.

WESTERN NEW ENGLAND
By GEORGE ROSS

GEORGE SHEPPARD, New Haven, Ct., boxing promoter, drew a $7,000 gate with heavyweight Nathan Mann vs. Eddie Blunt, in a sensational bout. Blunt came through with a victory.

Springfield Sports Club, Inc., closed its doors after staging twenty shows last summer with eleven upsets. Some of the star performers were Gus "Pell" Mell, George Wildcat Henry, Cocoa Kid, Joe Carter, and Saint Paul. Gus "Pell" Mell drew the season's biggest gate when he trounced George "Dusty" Brown. The intake was $10,000.

Dan "Doc" Avery has opened a club in Milford, Mass., and stages a pro boxing show every Wednesday night. This club can draw fans from Worcester, Pawtucket, Woonsocket, Providence, all within 25 miles of Milford. Managers should contact Doc Avery, 1783 Washington St., Boston, Mass.

The ability of the judges of the Cooper vs. Paul bout in Providence, R. I., might be questioned, when they allowed an eight-round bout to go into the final frame before they decided the boys weren't trying. The commission held up Cooper's money.

George Wildcat Henry proved he had too much experience for Saint Paul by winning handily in their ten-round main bout, the last of the Springfield Sports Club, Inc., shows for the season. Saint Paul was troubled with a trick shoulder all the week before the bout, but treatment with heat lamps reduced the pain to where he felt he was O.K. for the bout. In the sixth round it bothered him very much and from then on he was no match for Henry.

The Valley Arena of Holyoke, Mass., is staging amateur bouts every Thursday night in the hope of developing some good professionals. The first show was quite successful. The Valley Arena now is a busy sport spot, with boxing on Monday nights, wrestling on Wednesday nights and amateur boxing on Thursdays.

Gary (Red Cap) Cooper fought two fights in one night when a preliminary boy failed to show up for the last Springfield Sports Club show. He lost to Charlie Moore in the first bout of five rounds and lost to Frankie Donato by a K.O. in the second round of the second bout. Donato had scored a K.O. over Billy Marcus earlier in the same program, giving him two knockouts to his credit the same night.

BUFFALO, N. Y.
By HUGH SHANNON

FRANKIE WILLS, Washington slugger, who made a big hit here when he knocked out Bobby Claus, failed to punch as well in his second local appearance against Johnny Green. Wills didn't show the pep displayed in the Claus fight and Green won a decision over Frankie in ten rounds. Some fans, and one official, thought otherwise. The referee, Eddie Sears, gave his decision to Wills. . . . This columnist agrees with Sears.

In preliminary bouts Allen Faulkner defeated Jackie Gaines in six rounds at welterweight, but Faulkner failed to show his usual stuff. . . . A wild blow from Gaines' right landed in Faulkner's short ribs and almost upset the dope. . . . Allen was in tough shape at the finish and required Dr. Kaiser's attention.

Mike Martyk, who is going like a house afire, knocked out Larry Bender, Pittsburgh, 125½, in the first round. . . . Bender, a likely looking kid, could not withstand the hammer-like blows of "Mighty Mike."

In other bouts Al Buszek, Buffalo, stopped John Ellinton, second round; Joe Miller, Buffalo, knocked out Ed Petrone, second round, and Stan Stinson, Hamilton, Ont., K.O.'ed Rafael Rosales, Mexico, in the third.

Phil Muscato proved far too good for Prentiss Hall in their battle at the Hudson Club on September 12. . . . Muscato's punches had Hall in a bad way several times. A crowd of 5700 saw the show, which was one of the biggest turnouts of the season.

Muscato knocked out Hall in the eighth round after a hot exchange of blows.

Promoter Jack Singer's preliminaries were very good. In the semi-windup Mike Martyk, the improving St. Catharines featherweight, knocked out Don Luis Gonzales of Mexico, third round. . . . Mike fought like a champion.

Allen Faulkner whipped Vic Belanger, six rounds; Tommy Daniels stopped Jackie Brace, second round; Stan Stinson, Hamilton, whipped Bobby Rawls, four rounds; Al Mitchell K.O.'ed Eddie McGee, first round. Paid attendance was 5443 and the gross receipts were $10,868.

Promoter Jack Singer barred Referee Luke Carr and Harry McCoy, a judge, from officiating and Deputy Commissioner Harold Lauster assigned Eddie Sears to work in Carr's place. . . . Singer says he will report his reasons to the athletic commission.

Sugar Ray Robinson knocked out Jimmy Mandell in the fifth round in the headline bout of the Fairview Athletic club on September 18. . . . Robinson proved that he is everything the boxing critics said about him.

Mandell is no topnotcher but the kid is as game and willing as they come. Jimmy never stopped trying.

Matchmaker Billy Mitchie presented a splendid card of bouts. Billy Nitchy decisioned Billy Burke, Cleveland, six rounds; Johnny Clark, New York, knocked out Bobby Giles, Buffalo, 161, second round; Irish Mickey Doyle, 161½, whipped Harry Daniels, six rounds; Joe Miller, Buffalo, stopped Don Gonzalez, fifth round.

Paid attendance was 4,392 and the gross receipts amounted to $8,535.

Here and There: Both Buffalo fight clubs are running regularly now, alternating on Tuesday nights . . . when dates are available. . . . Oftentimes our Memorial Auditorium is tied up for weeks with other attractions. . . . Eddie Sears is improving right along and has the makings of a topflight referee. . . . Eddie uses his head in stopping one-sided bouts. . . . Of course, our old friend Lou Scozza is tops. . . . Long recognized as the best arbiter in this section the boxers are glad to see him work. . . . Charlie Murray is still on the sidelines, doing nothing in boxing promotion. . . . Joe Netro has a good-sized stable of fighters, including the promising Canadian middleweight, Cliff Beckett of Sudbury. . . . Netro is also assistant matchmaker for the Fairview Athletic club.

Potpourri: Jack Herman and Jerry Monahan are off to a good start again in the wrestling business. . . . Their Great Lakes Athletic Club is packing 'em in. . . . Jack Singer says he won't give up his hopes of staging a championship match in Buffalo. . . . "We have the best Auditorium in the country," says the loquacious Jack. . . . "I mean to make use of it." . . . Charlie Pinto is in big demand as a second . . . so is Junior Singer, Jack's boy. . . . Both lads are busy in corners every show. Ted Thomas, former wrestler, who secured a license as a referee, declined to officiate at the last show in which he was assigned to work, which was boxing. "I want wrestling shows," said Thomas, which shows good judgment. . . . New clubs at Erie, Pa., Jamestown, N. Y. (with Tommy Moore), and at Rochester, are in the offing.

CAROLINA GLOVE GAB
By BILL McILWAIN

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—Little Cliff Smith and big Freck Huffstickler, sharing the spotlight on Promoter Jimmy Campbell's five-bout card, wasted little time in winding up their scheduled eight-round scraps. Smith, racking up his second straight kayo since returning to the ring after a year's layoff, iced Tommy Baker of the Charleston, S. C., Coast Guard in 1:53 of the second heat. Huffstickler kayoed George Renfroe of Charleston in 35 seconds of the second round for his sixth straight knockout.

Smith, who weighed 128, spotted the experienced Baker seven pounds. The 1943 National Golden Gloves champ floored Baker in the closing seconds of the opening round and continued his vicious assault in the second. He ripped Baker to the canvas four times in quick succession before finally driving home a crushing right to end the battle.

Huffstickler dropped the flabby Renfroe in the first stanza with hard rights for nine-counts. In the second round he rushed out to the middle of the ring, caught Renfroe flush on the chin with a sizzling right, and it was all over. Huffstickler weighed 190, Renfroe 205.

Gastonia, N. C.—Promoter Banjo Eddy of New York and Charlotte branched out with his promoting ventures, putting on shows in Gastonia, Mt. Holly, Wilmington and Shelby.

Freck Huffstickler, 187, of Gastonia, knocked out Paul Honeycutt, 185, of Charlotte in the second. Buddy Best, 147, Wilmington, drew with Wade Allison, 149, of Charlotte in eight. Early Hamilton, 149, of Mt. Holly, T.K.O.'ed Guy Brown, 150, of Belmont in five. J. D. Cannon, 148, of Gastonia, kayoed Bobby Woods of Gastonia in six.

Mt. Holly, N. C.—Buddy Best, 147, of Wilmington, drew with Mickey Whalen, 150, of Greenville, S. C., in eight. Guy Brown, 152, Belmont, decisioned Wade Allison, 150, Charlotte, in eight. Marvin Hutchins, 183, of Charlotte, kayoed Fred Helms of Knoxville in the second.

Shelby, N. C.—Buddy Best, 146, of Wilmington, decisioned Kid Ross, 152, of Atlanta in eight. Rutt Snyder, 135, of Greensboro, kayoed Joe Cook of Macon, Ga., in four. J. D. Cannon, 148, of Gastonia, decisioned Bobby Jones, 148, of Charlotte in six.

Wilmington, N. C.—Babe Saunders, 148, of Hendersonville, N. C., kayoed Lester O'Brien, 142, of Charlotte in second. Buddy Best, 147, of Wilmington, outpointed Early Hamilton, 149, of Mt. Holly in eight. Marvin Hutchins, 184, of Charlotte, kayoed Fred Berry, 187, of Danville, Va., in three. Huck Liles, 165, of Wilmington, decisioned Babe Hunt, 168, of Charleston in six.

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CANADIAN TOPICS
By LAWSON BAMPTON

DAVE CASTILLOUX, Canadian lightweight and welterweight champion, treated the Milwaukee fans to one of his brilliant displays with his clean-cut victory over hard-hitting Juste Fontaine.

Wilfe Shanks, classy Montreal middleweight now campaigning under Tex Sullivan, realized one of his ambitions when, in his initial appearance in Madison Square Garden, he scored over Billy Walker, Portland, Ore., slugger, in the six-round semi-final to the Jake LaMotta-Georgie Kochan brawl. He had to box brilliantly to gain the nod.

Gus (Pell) Mell, rising local lightweight, also scored an important triumph when he got off to a bad start but came through with a strong finish to get the nod over Charley Cabey Lewis at the Boston Garden.

BUY VICTORY BONDS

NEWS FROM FLORIDA
By VELASQUES

BUDDY ROSE, 159, Tampa, stopped Harvey Rhoden, 160, Jacksonville, at Tampa in the fourth round with a smashing overhand right. This bout was a slugfest while it lasted with Rose hitting harder each time while taking several good punches in the exchange. Al "Pipo" Fern, 133, West Tampa, knocked out Andy Anderson, 142, Jacksonville, in the seventh round after having floored him in the fourth and fifth rounds. Anderson put up a good fight for three rounds but weakened when Fern found the range.

Hank Roque, 135, West Tampa, knocked out Ferol Norris, 135, Tampa, in the third.

Joey Mandell of Roberts City scored a three-round K.O. against Jack Brazil in the third.

Johnny Dupree won over Johnny Gardener in the four-round opener.

At Miami—Clarence "Cotton" King, 141, West Palm Beach, scored a five-round T.K.O. over Lester O'Brien, 136, Charleston, S. C. It was King's fight all the way. Referee Coachman stopped the bout because O'Brien was taking too much punishment.

Danny Carabella, 123, won from Bascom Bradley, 127, in eight rounds.

Armand Michaud, 137, Lisbon, Maine, knocked out Slappie Maxie Fernandez, 135, in the second round.

Red Morrison defeated Guy LaMarr in six rounds.

Jackie Greenberg won over Frankie Mason in a four rounder.

At Tampa—Charley "Killer" Padalino, 154, Detroit, stopped Tiger Gambini, 157, McDill Field, in the eighth round after flooring him for three nine counts.

Ray "Corn" Griffin, 133, Boston Golden Glover, was no match for Hal Meredith, 127, Macon, Ga. Griffin, winner of 42 consecutive amateur bouts, was stopped in the second round.

Tiger Henning, 180, New York, won a close decision from Jimmy Young, 172, Plant City, in a four rounder.

Ralph Hughes, 137, Gary, won over Jackie Evans, 135, Tampa, in four rounds.

Jackie Simon, 140, Tampa, won a close battle from K.O. Dixon, 138, Macon, Ga., in the four-round opener.

At Tampa—Ernie Petrone, 140, Philadelphia, knocked out Manny Gomez, 145, West Tampa, in the third round. This was the second time Gomez has been knocked out, Buster Baker having stopped him in one round a couple of years ago. Petrone's strong body punching backed Gomez into a corner, where a stiff right to the stomach and a left hook to the chin finished him off. Gomez was out for several minutes before his handlers were able to revive him.

Hank Roque, 135, Tampa, won from Ceal Yancey, 133, St. Petersburg, in the eight round semi-final.

Joey Mandell, 155, Roberts City, stopped Nelson Fratto, 155, West Tampa, in the first round.

Young Dempsey won over Blond Baggett in the four-round opener.

Young Jess Willard, 137, Orlando, was knocked out in two rounds by Wilfredo Mayet, 136, Cuban, at Havana. . . . Willard, a veteran of over 400 fights, was no match for the fast-stepping Cuban.

Junior boxing shows have been held every Friday at Miami Spring through the cooperation of the Volunteer Firemen. . . . NTC boxing shows are held every Wednesday at Miami. . . . Jack Larrimore takes time off to coach the amateurs at Miami.

Johnny Suarez is the latest Mexican to hit town looking for bouts. Lefty Chillo and Fidel Rivera already have made a hit with Florida fans. . . . Suarez claims victories over Nick Moran, Joey Peralta, Cecil Hudson and many others. . . . Camagueyano, the Cuban boxer, has never been floored in 55 fights. He has lost only 4 bouts.

At Miami—Fidel Rivera, 134, Mexican, made a hit by scoring a three-round K.O. over Andy Anderson, 135, Jacksonville. Rivera, using jumping jack tactics, swarmed all over Anderson dropping him twice before knocking him out with a right cross.

Lefty Chillo, 137, another Mexican, was given the decision over hard-hitting Jimmy Gresham, 143, Miami, in the eight-round semi-windup.

Lefty Coleman, 126, after suffering a badly cut eye in the first round, came back to score a three-round K.O. over Jimmy Dawson, 130.

Lee Landers, 132, was awarded a T.K.O. over Jimmy Pope, 135, when the latter quit in the second round.

Johnny Clark, 142, stopped Johnny Roland, 140, in the third round.

At Tampa—Hugo "Pee Wee" Flores won over Joey Puig in 10 rounds on a split decision which gave Flores a 10-9 point lead. Puig, making a comeback after a six month layoff, dropped Flores in the second and in the seventh rounds.

Bulldog Camagueyano, a newcomer from Havana, stopped Hal Meredith in four rounds. Meredith was down twice for nine counts before two rights and a left to the head finished him.

Ralph Hughes won over K.O. Dixon in six rounds; Henry Walters won from Red Thomas; Jimmy Young scored a T.K.O. over Young Eddy.

At Tampa—Frankie Ross, 145, Boston, Mass., won easily from Red Bryant, 147, Plant City, in ten rounds. Bryant was as game as they come, but he never had a chance against Ross who gave him a nifty boxing lesson. Harold Wilson, 127, Kansas City, displayed a mean left hook and jab and added enough damage with his right to force Ray Coombs, 135, St. Louis, to quit in the fourth round. This was Wilson's 18th consecutive win. Young Alvarez, 151, Tampa, stopped Johnny Dupree, 150, Tampa, in the fifth; Jackie Morrison, 113, Tampa, scored a T.K.O. over Frankie Dall, 111, Tampa, in two rounds; Bill Thompson won by a T.K.O. over Ward Norton in the fourth and Johnny Walker defeated Lewis Jones in four rounds.

At Tampa—Ernie Petrone, Philadelphia welter, scored a 10-round unpopular decision over Lefty Chillo of Mexico City. Chillo had an edge in seven of the rounds, but too much clinching spoiled what might have been a good bout.

Fidel Rivera of Mexico City stopped Ceal Yancey of Tampa in the fifth round. Rivera was guilty of hitting low and butting throughout the bout. In the second round Yancey gave Rivera the knee twice and the bout was halted to allow Rivera a ten-minute rest.

Young Louis knocked out Young Snapper and Charlie Stokes won a decision from Oscar O'Neil.

Kid Jean (Elmer Barber) was stopped in the fourth and final round of his bout by Young Austin (Austin Moore). After the fight Kid Jean collapsed while on his way to the dressing room. He was rushed to a hospital where he died due to a brain injury.

Tampa may soon come up with a city controlled boxing commission made up of unpaid members who will serve merely for the love of the game.

At Tampa—Charley Padalino, 154, Detroit, stopped Red Bryant, 150, Plant City, in four rounds to remain undefeated in Tampa rings. Padalino has now won 15 of his pro bouts. Bryant was subbing for Sailor Bill Hedeman who failed to get by the American Legion physician.

Eddie Steele, 155, Savannah, Ga., won over Juan Serrano, 152, Havana, Cuba, in one of the most terrific bouts seen here in months. Steele took eight of the rounds with Serrano winning the fifth and eighth.

Paul Bustamante won a split decision over Little Toney in a whirlwind battle between bantams in a four-round bout.

Johnny Dupree, 142, won a very close decision from Ralph Hughes, 137, and Henry Waters, 139, was given a very unpopular decision over Milton "Red" Thomas, 141, in four rounds.

At Miami—Clarence "Cotton" King, 141, West Palm Beach, defeated Jack Larrimore, 140, Miami, in 10 rounds. Larrimore was dropped for a nine count and staggered several times in the last stages of the fight after winning the early part of it. Clyde Gordon, 139, Jacksonville, knocked out Armand Michaud, 139, Lisbon, Me., in the fifth round.

Ray Atkins, Eddie Steele, Tracy Cox, Jimmy Murray and Manny Gomez are all claiming the Southern Middleweight Championship. Charley Padalino of Detroit looms as the rightful owner to the title having won his last four bouts by knockouts.

Ringside oddities: Did you know that Young Togo, a Jap weighing only 103 pounds, and 4 feet 10 inches tall, once knocked out Jim Downing, a 6 foot 1 inch heavy weighing 193, in 10 rounds (1911). Togo scored 25 knockouts out of 27 bouts, the other two being a 15-round draw with Harry Forbes and a 6-round loss to Battling Nelson.

Promoter Floyd Golden is finding it hard trying to get an opponent for Hal Meredith. He has tried to land Chino Alvarez, Hank Roque, Danny Carabella and Baby Chino, but they all refused to meet Meredith.

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IN TACOMA, WASHINGTON
By HOMER AMUNDSEN

PROFESSIONAL boxing will be resumed in Seattle, Washington, after nearly two years in the dark. George Kosmos and Ave Kubey, popular and well known Seattle men, control the Western Athletic Club. Kubey will have the role of matchmaker.

With the resumption of professional boxing in Seattle, some of the smaller cities in Washington State probably will get back into the line-up.

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Sgt. Davy Ward, pre-war Tacoma welterweight favorite, was recently home on furlough, when Davy went through a few limbering up sessions at Amundsen's. While home, Mrs. Ward presented to Sgt. Dave a baby girl.

From out of the U. S. Navy a few years ago, came "Kayo" Eddie Roberts. Again from the Blue Jackets will come forth another Kayo specialist in Tommy Passmore, Tacoma's 18-year-old middleweight.

Tacoma fans and experts have Tommy pegged for big time doings in the cuff and biff business.

The writer recently received from Greg McClure, a warm letter of personal interest. Greg plays the role of John L. Sullivan, in the movie, The Great John L. McClure was in the army and stationed at nearby Fort Lewis.

Donnie Bush, 140 pounder, has been transferred from Camp Roberts, Cal., to Fort Benning, Ga.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.
By JIM ECHOLS

IT was Washington night at Turner's Arena, with Joe Turner presenting Bee Bee Washington in the headliner against Indian Gomez, while brother Beasley appeared in the prelims.

"Double B" had an easy time against Indian Gomez of Cuba, winning nine out of ten rounds. The educated left of Bee Bee beat a tattoo on the face of the Indian as he tried to force the fight, but all Gomez got for his trouble was cuts about the face. It all added up to Washington pitching, Gomez catching. Both boys weighed in at 161.

The semi-final pitted Domingo Russell, 143, New York City, against Billy Banks, 138, Washington, with Russell throwing as many illegal punches as legal ones. He lost one round through these tactics but still won by a slight margin.

Beasley Washington, 147, Washington, kayoed R. C. Turner, 144½, Washington, in 1:20 of the second. Turner was out on his feet when the referee intervened. This was a scheduled four.

Another four saw Arthur Bethea, 146, Washington, decision Artie Brown, 145, Washington, while the opening four between Red Jeter, 186, Washington, and Al Davis, 191, Washington, ended in a draw.

Jimmy Bivins, present contender for heavyweight fistic honors, had a close call in his ten-round bout at Uline Arena, when Yancey Henry, the former Californian, came within a shade of copping the decision. Despite three knockdowns, Henry was decidedly the master, during the in-fighting. When Cleveland Jimmy elected to fight at long range, he had the edge.

In several rounds Yancey made Bivins give ground as they tried toe-to-toe slugging. Henry's exceptionally good rounds were the second, sixth, and ninth during several hectic exchanges.

The decision of all three officials was unanimous but the points deciding the battle were really close. Henry tipped the scale at 193 lbs., Bivins 185½ lbs.

The semi-windup, a dull affair, featured Jimmy Bell, 188 lbs., Washington, in a T.K.O. win over Billy Burke, 210½, Cleveland. Burke, badly out of condition, didn't answer the bell for the fifth stanza of a scheduled six.

Sgt. Laverne Roach, 149½ lbs., Plainview, Texas, outgamed Cpl. Don Ellis, 156½, Washington, in a five. Roach, National Golden Gloves Champion, showed all of the fistic talents that carried him to the top of all amateurs in decisioning Ellis, a real tough foe. Roach, a Marine from Cherry Point, hopes to be released soon. He looks like the next world welter king, so good is he. Another six showed Billy Terry, 139 lbs., Washington, winning over Johnny Atelli, 142 lbs., of New York City. The opening five saw Joe O'Connell, 160 lbs., Baltimore, kayoing Leroy Fleming, 159 lbs., Washington, in 1:68 of the second. This bout was action-packed and a real opener for any card. Two thousand six hundred seven persons contributed $7,172.88 to the gross gate.

FROM TRINIDAD, B.W.I.
By RONALD H. PINHEIRO

ON August 30, Trinidad boxing fans saw Ansell "Baba" Adams knocked out in the second round by Gentle Daniel in a battle for the light-heavyweight title, due to a mistaken count. When the referee counted ten, Adams got to his feet thinking it was nine. He was too late. Daniels weighed 170, and Adams 172.

Al Tunney, ex-lightweight champion, now fighting in the welterweight division, won by a T.K.O. over Cyril Francis in the fourth round. This was the first defeat Francis suffered as a professional. Francis weighed 145, to Tunney's 139½.

Alfred Gilkes, brother of Bull Gilkes and Cocoa Kid Gilkes, won a six-round decision over Ken Griffith of Barbados. Gilkes weighed 166½, and Griffith 175.

Kid Blyee of South Trinidad won his first professional bout when he decisioned Tiny Jules in six rounds. This was Jules' first defeat as a pro. Blyce weighed 118, and Jules 116.

Ralph Garcia, Trinidad featherweight, is in Caracas. He won his first fight there.

BOXING IN THE PHILIPPINES

By PVT. MOE ROKEACH
Sports Editor of *The Five Star Bulletin*

MANILA'S popular boxing programs have featured the best available talent in the Pacific. Battle-scarred Rizal Memorial Coliseum is the scene of boxing matches in Manila. A short time ago a fierce battle between the liberating Yanks and the fanatical resisting Japs raged there, but now boxing holds the stage.

Gus Lesnevich, a chief specialist in the Coast Guard and holder of the world's light-heavyweight championship, is one of many noteworthy battlers serving as referees at the Coliseum. Lesnevich is planning to bring his own stable of boys to be represented at the arena.

T/5 Lou Feldman, who once fought three world featherweight champs, is another popular ring official. Feldman, a New Yorker, fought among others, Kid Chocolate, Freddy Miller and Pete Sarron, all feather kings.

Eighty-five hundred servicemen jammed to the rafters, saw Franny Campbell, Columbus, Ohio, welterweight, pull the surprise of the national tournament staged here, when he scored a technical knockout over Billy Holderfield in the third round. Holderfield, a former national Golden Gloves champ in 1942, was unable to continue after sustaining a deep gash over his right eye.

Another favorite fell by the wayside as Pad Gadson, a light-heavyweight, who chalked up four successive wins in the arena dropped a decision to Georgie Dunn in a whale of a battle.

Eddie Elton, 164, scored a technical kayo over Barney Davis, 160, in 55 seconds of the first round. Davis was unable to ward off Elton's crushing right.

Another TKO was registered by Felix Dolar, 120, as he disposed of Lloyd Casmire, 120, in 1 minute and 15 seconds of the third round. George Williams, 127, knocked out Roman Jiminez, 126, just before the bell ended the last round.

Jerry Mason outpointed Leo McPherson in a middleweight scrap. Jimmy Tolliver's ringmanship proved too much for Henry Holt. Gunboat Davis, 168, outpointed Jesse Hall, 172, and George Fitch, 196, outpointed Lou Jackson, 185.

Two of the toughest Infantry divisions in the Pacific, the 38th Cyclone division and the 43rd, staged fistic warfare in a rough and tumble card that had the crowd on their feet all evening.

The 38th Cyclone division stole the show with their performance as they walked off with 8 wins in the 10-card program.

In the closest bout of the evening, Tommy Riggi, Blonde Bomber from Chicago, triumphed over Joaquin Gutierez of Los Angeles on points. A last round spurt gave Riggi the decision.

In a slugfest, middleweight Spike Hall, Jackson, Mich., smashed out a hard earned decision over Joe Valle, as both men matched blow for blow at close quarters.

Both of the 43rd Division victories came on technical knockouts. Johnny Torres, Puerto Rican lightweight, kayoed Bob Grube in 1 minute and 12 seconds of the second round. The other win was supplied by Ernie Salas, 134, Louisville, Ky., who dropped Delfino Rosas in 1 minute and 23 seconds of the third round.

George Stelius, 150, showed too much in the way of a damaging left hook for Mike Rettig, 141, who was outclassed from the start. Lou Stratakis, 145, outpointed Tom Regaldo, 143, and Bill Frettis, 138, outpointed Mel Outerside, 136.

Corky Basset, 154, scored a technical knockout over Manuel Sanchez, 155, in 1 minute and 32 seconds of the second round. Glenn Subka, 152, defeated Jimmy Allen, and Art Donato, 198, outpointed Paul Kelley, 178.

The Golden Gloves tournament recently concluded on Leyte island in the Philippines gave further indications of the popularity of boxing in this part of the world. Divisional champs received wrist watches and the runners-up received cigarette lighters.

Billy Holderfield, former national Golden Gloves champ in 1942, was crowned welterweight champ of Leyte. Levi Southall copped the middleweight crown, Herman Harris the lightweight crown and George Dunn was winner in the 130 lb. class.

DELTA BASE BOXING NEWS

By BILL BARANOFF

CALAIS STAGING AREA, Marseille, France: Before a capacity crowd of 33,000 happy, home-going GI's, Kid Marcel, 147, leading French welterweight, made a human punching bag out of awkward, unorthodox James Conyers, 152, of Monroe, N. C., in the feature contest of the evening. Even though Conyers was out of his class he did manage to land a few of his pile driving right handers but they didn't seem to bother the smooth French boxer.

In the semi-windup, showman Jimmy Brown, 125, Baltimore, Md., who has been boxing as many as three and four times a week on the various GI shows in Southern France, decisively trounced his French opponent—Tony Camonte, 128, of Marseille. Brown was recently voted the most valuable GI fighter in the Delta Base Zone.

Claud Sonny Banks, 166, Los Angeles, Calif., and Leon Craig, 160, Wichita, Kansas, took turns at staggering each other throughout three very exciting rounds and the crowd voiced their approval of the draw decision.

Percy Thomas, 170, New York, made it two in a row over rugged Joe Villages, 179, Needles, Calif.

Pierre Sirca, 139, popular French fighter from Marseille, seemed to have a decided edge in his bout with Eloin Craig, 142, brother of Leon, but had to be content with a draw.

After a rough and tumble first round in which it seemed like the crowd was going to witness a double knockout Ralph Pizzuto, 166, New Orleans, refused to come up for the second round and Jerry Williams, 165, Akron, Ohio, was credited with a knockout.

Young Johnny Hamby, 155, Sausalito, Calif., continued to improve by taking the measure of experienced Leon Wickler, 160, Buffalo, N. Y. This was Hamby's third bout and third win.

In the opening bout Francais Montizzo, 128, Marseille, won the unanimous decision over heavily medaled S/Sgt. Milton Lotze, 123.

SAIPAN DEFEATS GUAM IN INTER-ALLIED BOXING SHOW

A HEAVY downpour of rain failed to dampen either the spirit of the fighters or the capacity crowd that jammed Pendleton Bowl for the first inter-island boxing show in which Saipan boxers came through the hard way to defeat Guam 5 to 4.

Shelsea Watson, 105 lbs., of Guam won the first bout by an unpopular decision over Saipan's Willie Shaw. Buck Garrett, Saipan Champion, was leading Dayton Maynard, Guam opponent, for three rounds, when Maynard connected with some heavy rights, and Garrett took the count. Frank Marrone accounted for Guam's third straight win by a defeat over Ken Hilton.

Alex Childs outslugged Charlie Wing, Guam middleweight, to win the first bout for Saipan. Al Johnson, Saipan POA champ, delivered a clean lacing to Charles Keyes of Guam for the second win; and Jackie Patterson, Saipan ace, tied the score three all by an easy victory over Vern Leonard. Al Callahan scored Saipan's fourth win when he defeated tough Johnnie Lee Ward in the most thrilling bout of the night.

Eddie Sims, Saipan heavyweight, made it five wins for Saipan when he handed Willie Muldoone, former Cleveland pro (fighting here under the name of William Johnson), a rather one-sided licking. Charles Riggs, Guam heavy, won their fourth point when he upset Saipan's popular fighter-trainer, Bobby Jones.

A surprise feature of the fight show was the unscheduled appearance of Arthur Donovan, the world's most famous referee. He handled the feature bouts. Donovan, now touring the Pacific with a USO show, had a reunion with James J. Braddock. Braddock has been refereeing fights here for the past two months.

On September 20, Saipan travels to Guam for the second inter-island match.

IN THE COAL REGION

By DANNY MYERS

IN this column, I wish to pay the respects of THE RING and Yours Truly to one Clarence W. (Bus) Funk, on the staff of Harrisburg's *Patriot*, morning newspaper of the Capital City. "Traveling By Bus" is a common sports column in the daily morning papers of Harrisburg. Throughout the war Bus sent a magazine type paper, 9x7 inches, to service men and women all over the globe. The magazine was published in Harrisburg.

Jake Mintz, one of the Pittsburgh, Pa., big three, is trotting around the globe as a promoter. Jake operated in Wheeling, W. Va., on August 29. A cheering crowd of 2000 witnessed a windup in which Pete Bolos, 122, Detroit, Mich., Syrian, won a hard earned decision from Ossie Peguese, Youngstown, Ohio, 129 pounder.

Other bouts were as follows: Kid Williams, 140, Pittsburgh, Pa., won by a TKO at the end of the second round, over Ray Nulph, Ellwood City, Pa., who weighed in at 147 pounds. Charley Zivic, 137, Pittsburgh, Pa., a protege of Fritzie Zivic, KO'ed Lou Baltimore, 138, also of Pittsburgh, Pa., in 27 seconds of the initial round.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Sept. 11. Boxing again in the Smoky City was under way, when Micky "The" Quack, 123, Pittsburgh, Pa., and Harry Jeffra, 129, of Baltimore, Md., went ten slashing rounds to a draw decision. Jimmy "The Kid" Ainscough, 143, of Akron, Ohio, drew with Johnny Chapman, 137, Buffalo, N. Y., in six heats. Ray "Sugar" Jackson, 141, Cincinnati, Ohio, required less than 2 stanzas to win by a TKO over Ray Nulph, 140, of Ellwood City, Pa.

Allentown, Pa.—"Pep" Barone, Promoter—Billy Furrone, 146, Philadelphia, was held to a draw in ten action-packed rounds by Johnny Ricco, 141½, New York. Georgie Williams, 188, Chester, Pa., disposed of Roughhouse Finney, 189, Philadelphia, Pa., in one round. Stanley Choo Choo Derr, 166, Allentown, was successful in his comeback when he flattened Tommy Latch, 165, Philadelphia, in the first round. Teddy Turner, 160, Philadelphia, won in six, over Jimmy Tate, 166, Philadelphia, and Johnny Settles, 134, was the winner in three by a KO over Johnny Pitts, 131, Chester, Pa.

September 18, Harrisburg, Pa.—Sports lost a good friend when Nobel L. "Nobe" Frank, who for years handled the Harrisburg *Telegraph* Golden Gloves and made a success of amateur boxing in the Capital City, passed away from a heart attack. Some of the boys who started boxing under the Frank-*Telegraph* colors in Harrisburg, were Jesse Moraney, Gene Moraney, Billy Myers, Billy Proctor, Jimmy Lumpkins, Joey Murphy, Freddy "Kid" Lester, Jimmy Hill and many more.

Matty Bain, member of the Pennsylvania State Athletic Commission, who was 48 years of age, also passed into the Great Beyond that same day at Pittsburgh, while working on the Ike Williams vs. Sammy Angott lightweight battle.

Pittsburgh, Sept. 19—Forbes Field, home of the Pittsburgh Pirates, was a very busy place when Sammy Angott, Washington, Pa., one time lightweight boss, scored a TKO over the ever popular Ike Williams, the now N.B.A. lightweight world's champion in 1.01 of the sixth round, in their non title affair. Williams weighed 136, while his opponent came in at 140.

Williams was way off form against Angott and his seconds worked like mad over the Trenton Dusky, between rounds. Angott landed hard, fast blows in the very first round and had Williams rocking on his heels, Ike was placed on the ropes in the second stanza with a vicious smash in the stomach.

Ike was hurt because between rounds, his face was noticeably twisted from pain. Williams just tried to paw and jab his adversary, while Angott very seldom missed the mark. Referee Red Robinson went to Williams' corner and asked the condition of the fighter and apparently he was informed that the bout could go on but in the next round Robinson sensed the danger and waved Williams to his corner and awarded the bout to Angott via a TKO decision.

Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis sat with Billy Conn at the ringside to watch the windup. Billy Conn appeared in an exhibition with Al Patterson, the giant Pittsburgher, and this went for three rounds. Other bouts: Henry Jackson, 166, Steubenville, Ohio, KO'ed Freddy Bailey, 168, Uniontown, Pa., in round one.

Ossie "Bulldog" Harris, 163, Pittsburgh, Pa., TKO'ed Vic Dellicurti, 158, New York City, in round seven; Leo Garrett, 132, Cleveland, Ohio, won by a KO over Johnny Virgo, 138, Rochester, N. Y.; Sparky Reynolds, 148, Indianapolis, Ind., won decision over Art "Honey" Robinson, 154, Pittsburgh, Pa., in six rounds. A crowd of 14,425 witnessed the bouts.

Harrisburg, Sept. 20—A large crowd turned out to see Jimmy Hill, 151, the hectic hitter from the Capital City of Pennsylvania, beat Sammy Daniels, Baltimore's 144 pounder, the southpaw ending it in the fourth. Daniels was unlucky in running into a left as he was outboxing the local lad until the end. The bout was a scheduled ten round windup.

Other bouts were as follows: eight round semi-final, Johnny "Red" Fees, Lebanon, Pa., 138 pounds, was awarded the decision over Pedro Sanchez, 136, from Mexico City.

Sgt. Harry Wright, 168, of Cincinnati, Ohio, now stationed at Indiantown Gap, took 6 seconds to lay out a punch that took Sailor Jack Thompson, 159, U.S. Navy, clean off his feet and dropped him in the rosin for the count. The time was 16 seconds.

Lester Harris, 129, Baltimore, Md., was the winner over Billy Proctor, 120, Harrisburg and the U.S. Army. Earl Lumpkins, 169, Harrisburg, Pa., was the decision winner over Charles Leeds, 166, Baltimore, Md., in six.

The White Hill Industrial Band played at this show, a benefit for Jimmy Wilson, the legless, armless war veteran, a trumpeter sounded taps for tribute.

Hazelton—Jimmie Monroe, promoter, presented a well balanced card when Billy Furrone, 145, Philadelphia, Pa., defeated Stanley Miller, 145, New York City, in the ten round feature bout. Furrone was awarded the decision.

Patsy Gell, 148, Freeland, Pa., won the six round decision from Charley Hilton, 143, Philadelphia, Pa. Vince Maida, 161, Baltimore, Md., was a technical knockout winner over Joey Quinn, 156, Tamaqua, Pa., in two heats of a scheduled six round number.

Pete Pauline, 150, Pardeesville, Pa., won by knocking out Ike Cunningham, 156, Binghamton, N. Y., in two rounds.

Yours truly is still looking for talent in all weights, if you are a fighter and you wish to connect with a live stable of fighters, then you should contact the writer. Write, Danny Myers, 3304 Spring St., Harrisburg, Pa.

CENTRAL OHIO SWINGS AND HOOKS

By LESS HUFFMAN

TIGER ALONZO WILLS, local Negro featherweight, has chalked up six straight wins at this writing. The Tiger stopped Lloyd Poindexter, Evansville, in three heats; beat Al Williams, Cincinnati, in six; gave Paul White, Cincinnati, a pasting in six; stopped Mike Shuco in three; stopped Joe Prescott, Lynch, Kentucky, in nine, and polished off Harry Myers, Richmond, in seven.

Sammy Mack stopped Lucky Jordan in two rounds and his last opponent was Baby Bert Lytell, a pretty good welterweight from the coast who was stopped in the fifth round.

Willie Davis, local heavyweight, lost a close decision to Tizz Jones in Huntington, W. Va., on Sept. 3. On the same show, Phil Schartz of Columbus won the unanimous decision over Charlie Moore of Huntington in ten. He dropped Moore four times.

It took Charlie Burley of Pittsburgh 1:58 of the first round to stop Dave Clark of Cincinnati.

Willie Russell is now the undisputed Lightweight Champ of Ohio. On August 31 at Haft's Acre, Columbus, Russell stopped Al Williams of Cincinnati in three rounds.

After Ken Johnson, Dayton heavyweight, beat Billy Pappas at Dayton, a free-for-all started in the dressing room.

Young Todd Doughty is one of the few new white fighters to make the grade in Columbus. Doughty, in his first appearance here, drew with Danny Green, a very good lightweight.

The Huffman-Woods Combination Gymnasium at Town and High Streets has been playing to a full house. Never before has a gym in Columbus had so many fans on hand to see the boys go through their work-outs. The gymnasium is a private gym specially for the 20th Century Sporting Club's fighters. Fighters traveling west are invited to stop off and train free as a guest of the proprietors.

The newest propect in this part of the woods is Billy Tibbs. His first fight which was with Pat Flannigan, showed he has the stuff it takes to move to the front. Tibbs never took one step backwards in this fight, and he beat a tough Irishman in four heats.

After three good shows in Columbus at the Haft's Arena, the promoters have decided to put some winter shows on. This will be the first time in months that indoor shows will be staged here.

Chuck Carmeans, who was in the thick of the German invasions, is back home and has tossed his hat back in the ring after a few weeks of training. Carmeans will be ready to take on about anybody his weight. He is a lightweight.

Toughy Griffiths, the clouting welterweight from Painsville, Kentucky, who topped several shows in Columbus, is in the grain business in his own home town and doing well.

Al Haft, wrestling promoter, has a big turkey ranch on East Main St. combined with a motel.

Jimmy Woods, a brother of Dodo Woods, Cincinnati welterweight, has now turned pro and the rail birds at Becker's Gym say he has the stuff.

Louie Luzader, at one time a very good lightweight, refereed the last two shows held in Columbus. Jimmy Jones and Red Tope are also favorites with local fans.

The Quality Club of Columbus, Ohio, staged its third show of the season on September 11. Sammy Mack, Columbus welterweight, and Billy Russell, Columbus lightweight, were the headliners. Russell came in at 136 and his opponent at 147, and Mack had to quit in the seventh round due to a cut eye.

The semi-final was a Donnybrook. Just one of those fights that one would expect to see between two bulldogs. The battlers were Jimmy Woods of Cincinnati and Tiger Wills of Columbus, Ohio. A fighter who has never failed to please, Wills had to carry about six pounds weight, but pretty near stopped the Cincinnati boy in the first heat when he had him down twice. Woods came back and was given the duke, but fans yelled loud and long at this verdict as they thought the lowest Wills should have had was a draw. This will be a good rematch for Columbus this winter. It was a six-rounder.

Mutt Schwartz, a middleweight, spotted Willie Davis about twenty pounds and won the duke in six rounds in a good action fight.

Freddy Tibbs and Todd Doughty drew in a four-rounder. They are lightweights. The other four rounder between Jimmy Mitchell and Harold Oakes, ended in the first heat with Oakes the loser on a kayo.

Lucky Jones, who did considerable boxing on the West Coast, is now making his home in Columbus. He scales 145 pounds.

Donald Neal, a cousin to Jackie Taylor the hard-hitting featherweight, is being trained and handled by the 20th Century Sporting Club. Donald weighs 142, and is the hardest hitter among the young fighters who are learning the art of boxing in the Capitol City Gymnasium.

Chief Little Poney, an Indian lightweight, is the newest addition to Less Huffman's stable.

Joe Basco, Barberton's leading fight manager, is now managing Tommy Hudson, great little featherweight.

Lee O. Murray packed too many guns for Henry Taylor of Philadelphia in the feature bout of Bob Heath's show at the Akron Armory at Akron, Ohio. The South Norwalk heavy put the skids under Taylor in the fourth heat.

K. O. (Meyers) Christner, formerly of Akron, Ohio, is now running a bowling alley in Cumberland, Maryland.

Jesus Ledesme, bantamweight from Mexico City, trains at the Capitol City Gymnasium in Columbus.

Bobby North, New York fight manager, is getting some pretty good fights for his middleweight, Berlie Lanier. He can be booked in this part of the country through the writer.

Tommy Leeper, Indianapolis manager, is now guiding the destiny of Tommy Charles, a pretty good looking light-heavyweight.

Tommy O'Connell, former fighter in Fort Wayne, who was also managed by Buck Mathias, is back from the European wars. O'Connell is interested in promoting boxing in his home state and with spots such as Evansville, Fort Wayne, South Bend, Gary, Terre Haute and Lafayette, he is certain to be kept busy.

Mr. Doughty of Columbus, Ohio, will operate at Washington Court House, Ohio. This is a small town but several big shows were staged there in the days when Tut Jackson was going good.

Akron, Ohio's, fast-coming lightweight, Rudy Zadell, again proved he is just what the promoters are looking for. He substituted for Jimmy Ainscouth against Billy Miller at Akron and won the decision early.

Harry Feuerstein, manager of Billy Mitchel, 180, and Ed. Robinson, 160, is eager to book his fighters in this territory. Harry can be reached at Berlin Heights, Ohio.

Jimmy Turner, middleweight, who was recently discharged from the Army, is now ready for any 155-pounder.

Ray Heling, who is at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, is a busy manager. He has his boys fighting regularly in all the spots close to his camp.

The Capitol Gymnasium in Columbus is a busy spot in the evenings. Boys from 12 years up train there. Mail directed to the Capitol Gymnasium should be sent to P.O. Box 211, Station G, Columbus, Ohio, and addressed to the writer.

Roy Lewis, the Muncie policeman who has won a lot of fights around Chicago, is eager to get some work in this part of the country. He is a lightweight.

Pat Valentino, former Columbus welterweight, who has been on the coast for the past two years, has returned to the Capitol City and is training at the local gymnasium.

Steve McDonald, a former Columbus motorcycle policeman, who has been in the service for the past 18 months, is stationed at Ft. Raleigh, Kansas. He is the heavyweight champion of his company.

Benny Droll chalked up another win by beating Curtis Filer, former Golden Glove winner and Ozark A.A.U. Middleweight Champ, in a fast six-rounder on the semi-final to the Colion Chaney vs. Clarence Brown fight which Chaney won.

Holman Williams, Detroit's middleweight, displayed too much class for Berlie Lanier in their ten-round fight at Akron, topping Bob Heath's Armory show. Williams toyed with Lanier and won easily.

Rudy Zadell of Akron, Ohio, again beat Ray Miller in another good scrap, and Freddie Berhardt of Akron lost to Johnny Chattman of Buffalo. The show grossed $3,214.

Ben Evans, one of the best white welterweights in the west, is coming east and will be booked by the writer. Evans is good enough for any welterweight in the business.

Andy Vassel, at one time a top-notch lightweight, has just been discharged from the Army. Andy saw combat in about every part of Europe.

The Quality Club of Columbus sponsored its first indoor show on October 2nd with Bobby McIntire of Detroit, Michigan, and Willie Russell, the Buckeye Buzz Bomb of Columbus, the headliners. Russell won the decision. This was the second meeting of the two sluggers. McIntire won the first mill.

It was one of the most interesting fights held here in some time. Bobby McIntire might be a veteran, but he proved to the Columbus fans that he can trade and also can block.

The semi-final was a Donnybrook between the Tigah (Tiger) Wills, Columbus, Ohio's, entry in the featherweight division, and Eddy Scott, substituting for Pat Bradley of Detroit, Michigan. The Tiger won by a knockout in the second.

Mutt Schwartz, Columbus middleweight, spotted Willie Davis some pounds and was given the duke in six fast rounds.

Freddie Tibbs, local lightweight, was given the duke over Todd Doughty, also of Columbus, in a four-rounder. This bout was packed with action. Tibbs was given the duke.

The opening four-rounder was between Donald Neal and Jimmy Mitchell both of Columbus, Ohio. This was Neal's first start, and after three fast rounds in which Neal was giving a good account of himself, Mitchell sunk one to the solar plexus which spelled all over for Neal.

The promoters of Columbus, Ohio, are looking for name fighters to meet Russell. Managers interested, get in touch with Less Huffman, Route 1, Pickerington, Ohio.

CLEVELAND BOXING NEWS

By PHIL GOLDSTEIN

THE Metropolitan A. C. held its first boxing show featuring Johnny Lawer and Berry Wright, local welters. Berry was too fast and too clever for the hard-hitting, aggressive Lawer. Berry Wright had a comfortable lead when a crisp right hand blow opened a gash over Lawer's left eye. The Boxing Commission doctor ordered the bout stopped at the end of the seventh round, awarding Wright the bout on a T.K.O.

In the semifinal, Leo Garrett, local lightweight, kayoed Joe Miller of Buffalo in 1:36 of the first round. A beautifully timed lefthook to the point of the chin decided the issue.

Irish Mickey Doyle of Toronto outpointed Harry Daniels, Youngstown, in a sixth-round preliminary. Doyle took the last three rounds to overcome Daniels' early lead. They are middleweights.

In the best action bout of the evening, Rudy Zadell, Barberton lightweight, also rallied in the last half of the bout to overcome the comfortable lead piled up by Ray Miller, Elmwood City, Pa.

Ossie Peguese, Youngstown, was awarded a T.K.O. in the second round, over Juan Manuel, local featherweight, when he cut Manuel's eye. Manuel had a slight edge at the time.

Johnny Chapman of Buffalo outpointed Fred Bernhardt of Akron, in a sizzling six-round opener.

The show arranged by Matchmaker Johnny Papke and Promoter Harold Evans, was excellent and the house was almost a complete sell-out.

Leroy Jackson, local featherweight pride, lost a very close decision to Freddy Russo at Baltimore. Russo had an edge in rounds of 5 to 4 with one round even.

Berry Wright beat Artie Brown of Chicago at Milwaukee and Bobby Wright kayoed his opponent in the second round on the same show, both boys making a big hit.

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NEW ENGLAND FISTIC NEWS
By DAN "DOC" AVERY

THE Milford Boxing Club is in full swing. Milford has had no boxing for over twenty years. The bouts are held at the town hall, which has a seating capacity of 1500. The matchmaker is Allen Avery and can be located at Village St., Millis, Mass. The writer will help in making the matches.

Managers and fighters who are seeking action and can fight, should contact the matchmaker of the Milford Club.

Hartford—Sid Miller, 158½, Detroit, outpointed George (Red) Doty, 154, Hartford, in ten rounds.

Boston—Pat Demers, Brockton lightweight, won by a K.O. in the 7th round over Joe Pirrone, Cleveland. Demers weighed 135 and Pirrone 140. In the semi-final of a ten-rounder Steve Kronis, Boston, won over Joe Celetti, Providence. Kronis, 132½; Celetti, 138¼. Jackie Harris, Malden, 130½, K.O.'ed Yvon Cote, Montreal, 126, in the second. John Eskew, Brockton, K.O.'ed Jimmy Mulligan, Lowell, in the fourth. Both boys weighed-in at 167 lbs.

Boston—Walter (Popeye) Woods, 164½, New York, K.O.'ed Reedy Evans, 167, Chicago, in eight rounds. George Larover, 140, Philadelphia, won over Dave Andrews, 140, Lowell, 8 rounds. In the sixes, Blonde Tiger, 131, Lowell, won over Frankie Parrimore, 137, Chester, Pa. George Purdam, 150, Cambridge, registered a two-round K.O. over Ken Conley, 152, Boston, and Johnny Priest, 136, Cambridge, won over Al Smith, 130, of Scranton, Pa.

Worcester—Paulie Jackson, 132, Reading, Pa., drew with Spider Armstrong, 127, Toronto, Canada, in a ten-rounder. Frankie Urban, 200, Paxton, stopped Sam Shumway, 187, Webster, in one round.

Plymouth, Mass.—Pedro Crivello, 135, Boston, won over Joe Montiero, 135, Wareham (8). Charley Seller, 126, Boston, K.O.'ed Ricky Montiero, 126, Wareham (1).

Holyoke—Mayhew Smith, 141, New York, outpointed Tony Pios, 141, Mexico, in ten rounds.

Fitchburg—Gene LaBlank, 130, Fall River, K.O.'ed Jerry Lavigne, 127, Montreal, in seven.

Fall River—Fred Camuso, 146, Fall River, won over Danny Martin, 152, Newark, N. J., in ten. Tommy Colton, 138, Boston, K.O.'ed Harry Devine, 132, Worcester (1).

Portland, Me.—Frank Feener, 146, U. S. Marines, won over Benny Singleton, 147, Waterbury, Conn. (8). Kenny James, 150½, Waterbury, K.O.'ed Al Pinel, 155½, New Bedford (6).

Bangor, Me.—Lloyd Hudson, 128, Bath, Me., won over the Blonde Tiger, 130, Lowell, Mass. (8). Al Wooster, 138, Frankfort, Me., K.O.'ed Kayo Bernier, 136, Bangor, Me. (3).

New Bedford—Benny Singleton, 147, Waterbury, Conn., won over Joe Celetti, 139, Providence, R. I., in ten. Kenny James, 148, Waterbury, won over Al Pinel, 154, New Bedford, in six.

Fall River—Steve Kronis, 132, Boston, won by a T.K.O. over Johnny Cool, 136, Worcester (9). Gene LaBlank, 128, Fall River, K.O.'ed Billy Murray, 134, Boston (3).

Boston—Leo Mucucci, 129, Portland, Me., took eight out of ten rounds to win over the much publicited Tim (Buddy) Hayes, 126, of Boston. The Portland lad won by being on top of Hayes, not giving him a chance to use his boxing ability. Freddie Cabral, 151½, Cambridge, won over Ernie Forte, 149, Providence, by a K.O. in seven. This was the best bout of the show.

West Springfield—George "Wildcat" Henry, 156, New Bedford, won over Cleve Bailey, 166, New York (10). Saint Paul, Springfield, 162, K.O.'ed Jay Paganelli, 161, Belleville, N. J. (6).

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Fall River—Steve Kronis, 131, Boston, T.K.O.'ed Johnny Cool, 135, Worcester (10). Tommy Colton, 139, Boston, K.O.'ed Norman Pineault, 135, Newport, R. I. (2).

New Bedford—Fred Camuso, 143, Fall River, K.O.'ed Joe Gilles, 146, Holyoke (6). John Henry Eskew, 169, Brockton, T.K.O.'ed Waddell Washington, 175, Worcester (1).

Boston—Gus (Pell) Mell, Montreal, 135, won over Charles (Cabey) Lewis, 126, New York, in ten. George Larover of Philadelphia, 139, won over Sammy Mammone, 139, Greenwich, Conn. (10). Joe Albanese, 157, East Boston, won over Al Barbosa, 157½, Cape Cod (6). Johnny Priest, 138, Cambridge, won over Eddie Petrone, 142, Philadelphia (6). Maurice Lavigne, Brooklyn, N. Y., 147, won over Jim Pettie, 150, Woburn, Mass. (6). (6).

Worcester—Pat Foley, 134, Worcester, beat Pat Doyle, 139, Fall River (10). Johnny Moran, 155, Boston, K.O.'ed Al Carson, 157, Grenier, N. H. (2).

Bangor, Me.—Blond Tiger, 130, Lowell, Mass., won over Lee Mature, 132, Montreal, Can. (8).

West Springfield, Mass.—George Dusty Brown, 135, Philadelphia, Pa., won over Joey Angelo, 135, Providence, R. I. (10).

Fitchburg, Mass.—In a close fight while it lasted, Spider Armstrong, Toronto, Can., K.O.'ed Chuck Jackson, who is unknown in these parts, but claimed Manchester, N. H., as his home, in four rounds. Both boys are featherweights.

Holyoke, Mass.—Pat Scanlon, 141, Ozone Park, N. Y., kayoed Patsy Zoccano, 141½, Montreal, Can., in two. Bert Lytell, 157, N. Y., beat Mario Ochoa, 165, Havana, Cuba, in ten.

New Haven, Conn.—Eddie Blunt, 198, N. Y., won over Nathan Mann of New Haven, 105, in a ten-rounder.

Boston, Mass—Freddie Cabral, 150½, Cambridge, Mass., K.O.'ed Baudelio Valencia, 158, Mexico (1). Bobby Zollo, 145, Providence, R. I., won over Benny Singleton, Hartford, Conn., in ten. Johnny Cesario, Hartford, K.O.'ed Oscar St. Pierre, Fall River, in five. Both boys are lightweights. Tommy Moore, South Boston, won an unpopular decision over Bobby English in ten rounds. Both are featherweights.

Portland, Me.—Pat Demers, 135, Brockton, Mass., K.O.'ed Al Freda, Worcester, 140 (8). Vince Carty, 134, Portland, T.K.O.'ed Johnny Campbell, 135, Bangor (4).

Fall River, Mass.—Al Priest, 154, Cambridge, beat Kenny James, 148, Waterbury, Conn. (10). Eddie Soares, 150, Providence, R. I., beat Fred Roy, 154, Montreal, Can. (6).

Boston—Sal Bartolo, 130¾, Boston, beat Maxie Shapiro, 133¼, New York (10). Johnny Pretzie, recently discharged from the U. S. Army, a Boston favorite weighing 192 lbs., K.O.'ed Willie Bell, 184, Chicago, in one.

Worcester—Johnny Moran, 155, Boston, K.O.'ed Willard Buckles, 155, Saugus, in the fourth.

Fighters who can fight and are seeking good bookings here in New England rings contact the writer. Send your record, weight, color, age, and send photo of yourself. Managers seeking representation, can also contact the writer of the column at Village Street, Millis, Mass., U.S.A.

BALTIMORE, MD., FISTIC FARE
By NATE PHILLIPS

THE CENTURY CLUB presented a return go between Louis Long and Fernando Mighty Menichelli over the fifteen round route, these boys having fought a draw several weeks back over the same distance. As in their previous bout, Menichelli scored often with his looping right hand, and Long connected with hard rights to the head. It was a nip and tuck affair going into the eighth, when a series of hard rights to the head and chin sent Fernando sprawling, while he listened to the referee count him out.

In sixes, Joey Longo and Vernon Brown, old rivals, hooked up in a real brawl that was much enjoyed by the fans. Brown was declared the winner.

Johnny Ditto and Flat Top Cummings met in a sixer, and after receiving a bad cut, Ditto came on to knock out Cummings in the third heat.

In fours, Tony Argo forgot the count while on the deck in the first round of his battle with George Christian and was counted out. Al Spalding and Doc Gladden put on a show that was worth the price of admission in itself. It was a slam-bang mill. They threw science to the winds and banged away at each other all through the four rounds with Spalding the winner. In the opening four, Jessie Lang made his debut, winning over Charles Martin.

At the same club, Archie Moore and Louis Kid Cocoa, favorites with the local fans, hooked up in the main go of ten rounds with Moore at 165½ and Cocoa at 157½. Moore was entirely too much for Cocoa. Archie piled up points winning six of the first eight and having Cocoa down for a nine count in the sixth. He finally belted out Cocoa in 1.40 of the eighth heat.

In a five-rounder Henry Jones, 127½, won over Caswell Harris, 128½. In fours, Mario Averillo won over Tony Nelson in a hard fought bout. Jackie Williams and Whitey Forcey fought to a draw in their four rounder. Joe O'Connell and Al Spalding put on a war that first had one and then the other down with Joe getting the nod at the end. Bill Sourhoff won over Kid Grant in a rousing four-rounder and Len Rodman making his pro debut looked mighty good when he stopped Red Jetter in the third heat.

The Century Club had Leroy Jackson and Freddie Russo in the stellar event of ten rounds and as on the succeeding show Russo took a big lead. He floored Jackson for an eight count in the seventh. Both boys wrestled to the floor in the eighth. Jackson made a great spurt in the final two rounds and had Russo hanging on. The final count was five, four, one, by two officials in Russo's favor, amid plenty of booing. Jackson made his move too late. Had he started a little sooner, he might have been the winner. In a six-round bout, George Williams won over Johnny Ditto in a whirlwind contest.

Charlie Dodson made quick work of his assignment when he belted Joe O'Connell out with a short left hook in the first minute of the first round.

In fours, Tony Longo belted out Rufus Headly in the second; Leslie Harris and Harry Parisi fought to a draw in their return battle; George Christian won over Tony Argo, also a return affair; and Mario Averillo and Kid Grant fought to a draw.

At the same club a week later, Tiger Wade hooked up with Bert Lytell and the smart boys made Wade a two to one favorite over Lytell but it seemed that Wade could not untangle himself. While Wade's punches carried more authority, Bert landed more often and to the writer, it seemed that he had piled up enough points to win easily but the writer is not an official, and when the votes were tallied, the referee awarded the fight to Lytell but the other two judges thought otherwise and gave the bout to Wade. It may be said that the same wise boys who made Wade a two to one favorite before the fight, were trying to get out and were laying three to one on Lytell at the end, so that old proverb is to be applied again, "do not bet on fights."

In a five-rounder, Herb Jones won over Vernon Brown, and in fours, Jesse Lang won over Toney Argo; Bobby Lee, looking great, won over Frankie Les; Bobby Richardson stopped Robert Summers out in the third with a hard right to the solar plexus; Emmett Harris won over Edgar Poe; Buddy Sourhoff belted out Reggie Johnson in the second of a slam-bang affair that saw both boys punch away all through their encounter.

Fight managers, contact the writer for work in these parts. You can obtain fighter and manager contracts at fifty cents for a set of three. Nate Phillips, 3825 Fairview Ave., Baltimore 16, Md.

WRESTLING NEWS FROM HAWAII
By TED YAMACHIKA

WRESTLING promoter Al Karasick, now vacationing on the mainland, writes to tell us of his extensive post-war wrestling plans. As in pre-war days, wrestling shows will be put on weekly at the local auditorium. Once again Island fans will be able to see the top performers of the game, the best from Australia, the Orient and the United States.

The program of developing local professional wrestlers will be continued and given special emphasis. Al feels that one of these days a local athlete with enough talent will become a world's champion. "Interest in wrestling, especially among the servicemen who have been introduced to and trained in commando tactics, has greatly increased," he writes. This is true everywhere and especially in Hawaii. Large crowds turn out to see all the wrestling shows week after week and this is really remarkable considering the fans come to see the same wrestlers who have been performing against each other for the last two and a half years.

In the absence of wild man Sammy Cohen, Harry Dellis has become the roughest wrestler in the Islands. Harry, who claims he carries on from where Sam Cohen and Bucky O'Neill left off, is no respecter of rules and regulations and he has lost more bouts by disqualification than any other grappler here.

Another local athlete who is making good as a wrestler is Wimpy Willington. Wimpy, a well built youngster, turned professional about two years ago but hasn't been able to perform quite as often as he wanted to because of war work. But now with the war won, he is training more regularly and his work has improved. Recently he surprised everyone by taking a referee's decision over tough Joe Mitchell. Two weeks later he won again over Stan Miyashiro.

IN CHICAGO
With GENE ENGEL

THERE are fights that leave a sour taste in the boxing fans' mouth, and there are matches that leave the starved fight fans in awe, with still more hunger and thirst for thrills in leather pushing. And that is exactly what happened when agile Ray "Sugar" Robinson, uncrowned welterweight champion, clashed for the fifth time with Jake LaMotta, in a twelve-round classic at the Comiskey ball park, home of the White Sox, under shrewd Jack Kearns' guidance.

The affair, witnessed by a paid throng approximating 20,000 fans who spent $98,000 to watch a battle, wasn't decided until the last minute of the final frame, according to the officials' tabulations.

Robinson was awarded the decision amidst cheers and jeers from respective partisans. This made it four wins against one loss for Robinson in his series with Jake.

Johnny Behr was the referee and handled the match well.

O'Dell Riley, young Detroit Negro stalwart, weighing 183¼ pounds to Lee Q. Murray's 205 pounds, was in rare condition and boxed superbly. He had just enough power to stymie Murray's heavier punching to take down a hard-earned eight-round semi-final decision.

Joe LaMotta, Jake's young brother, a middleweight, weighing 153 pounds, shellacked Martin Doyle of Detroit in a fast bout. The referee halted proceedings in round two as Doyle was outclassed.

In a six-round bout that followed the main event, Van McNutt, Negro middleweight of New York City, won a slugfest with enough to spare over Eddie Taylor, game Detroit middleweight.

And in the fours, Jack Pumphrey decisioned LeRoy Jackson—heavyweights; and Peter Jackson knocked out Bill Mosby in the opening stanza.

Robinson received a guarantee of $25,000 and LaMotta was paid a percentage that amounted to $20,700.

The preliminary performers received as follows: Riley, $800; Murray, $500; McNutt, $500; Taylor, $400; Pumphrey, $100; Thompson, $100, and Jackson and Mosby received $50 apiece.

Jerry Heffernan, former boxing coach at Loyola University of Chicago, was assigned by impresario Jack Kearns, as press agent, and handled the show creditably.

Johnny Barbara is back in civvies after three years of service to Uncle Sam—Johnny is a beverage salesman.

Bill Petersen, Indiana Harbor 200-pounder, won convincingly over Clarence Brown, South Side boxing stylist, in a ten-round whirl at the Marigold Gardens outdoor arena. Petersen seemed to punch too hard for the veteran Brown.

Hubert Hood, C.Y.O. 193-pound heavyweight, found in Clayton Worlds, a little more than he could handle—Worlds, six-foot four-inch giant, scaling 198 pounds, utilized his height and reach to advantage. When Hood attempted to outscore Worlds in close-quarter exchanges, Clayton stunned Hood time-and-again with beautifully executed left-hooks that jarred his man. Worlds won with plenty to spare.

Gene Roberts, Danville, Illinois, 123-pound featherweight, can be tabbed as a future possibility. One thing is certain—he can punch, as proven by his twelfth knockout in thirteen fights thus far. In Gene's last two bouts he defeated Raymond Glenn, Indianapolis, Indiana, 132-pounder in six, and stopped George Stone of Cincinnati in one round. The former match was of six rounds duration.

Bennie Droll, pugnacious Peoria, Illinois, ex-soldier, chalked up two more wins. Bernie defeated Luther Brent, hard-hitting South Side Negro 160-pounder in six rounds, and Mike Sopko, along the same route. Droll also has engaged the rough Jack Hill in two terrific draws.

Collins Brown achieved his second knockout conquest over William Johnson, this time in three instead of seven. Johnson was able to put Brown down for a nine count and Brown dropped Johnson twice in the second canto.

Jimmy Joyce, Gary, Indiana, lightweight, brother of the more famed Willie, reappeared in Chicago, after having concentrated his leather-push-out on the Pacific Coast during the past year—Joyce, in his two Windy City bouts, trounced both Jimmy Martin and Steve Bellus, Chicago and Cincinnati, respectively, in six-round encounters and in Des Moines he kayoed Lorenzo Juarez in two rounds.

Bob Satterfield, Chicago light-heavyweight puncher, trekked over to Milwaukee and garnered a four-round kayo victory over Oscar Boyd on the Sherrer vs. Jannazzo windup. Sherrer won.

Carl Zepp. When you are ready to turn pro, contact me and I'll see what I can do for you.

Nolan Limmons—Thanks for your compliment—I don't know where George Mitchell, that good Detroit middleweight, is residing.

Clistos Cristau is angling to get work for his six foot Negro middleweight, Lou Hardman, of Jackson, Mich. He has had three fights.

Bernie Solarz: When you receive your honorable discharge, and you arrive back in Chicago, contact me and we'll arrange your future.

Eddie Lander, Westside Jewish lightweight, engaged in his first contest prior to his honorable discharge from the Coast Guard. Eddie belted Herman Mills out of the picture, in round three of a scheduled eight-round feature at the Marigold Gardens Arena.

James Brown, Cincinnati, Ohio, 192-pound heavyweight, looked impressive in the manner he whipped the game Billy Sullivan, Negro.

Jerry Pittro, Westside Italian 150-pounder, surprised the wisebirds with his two-round knockout over Tony Sartino, Rockford, Ill., 150-pounder. Pittro went as a substitute for Tommy James and came out with flying colors.

Tommy Charles, newcomer, from Indianapolis, Ind., weighing 170 pounds, fought a draw with Leroy Scales, Negro middleweight from Chicago's Southside. More will be heard of from Charles, methinks!

Clayton Worlds, gangling Negro heavyweight, fought Bill Petersen, Indiana Harbor, Ind., 195-pounder, for the third time and Worlds stowed the Hoosier lad away inside of six rounds of rough action.

Jimmy Martin, aggressive and pleasing lightweight protege of Lorenzo Lovings beat Southpaw Roy Lewis, Muncie, Ind., cop in the six-round semi-attraction.

Larry Jenke, Cincinnati, Ohio, 135-pounder, won a scorcher from "Little Man" Jerry Pittro, Westside Italian welterweight, five rounds.

Jack Hill, blond-bomber, from Bloomington, Ill., won over Leroy Scales, Southside Negro antagonist, in a five-rounder, and Charley Polk, also of the Southside, was credited with a T.K.O. over Gene Simmons, Indianapolis, Ind., light-heavy, who went down without being hit, after having been floored previously. Result, Simmons was automatically disqualified. The end came in round four of their five-rounder.

This was one of the regular weekly shows at the Marigold Gardens Arena.

In Indianapolis, Ind., the "Speedway" City, Jack Hill won over Curly Denton, Cincinnati, Ohio, middleweight, in six rounds, and Billy Sullivan K.O.'ed Al Sheridan, two rounds, who had just previously indulged in several combats out on the West Coast. The bout ended in two heats.

That's all for this month. Fighters seeking bouts here in the Middlewest will do well to contact Gene Engel, 2121 East 68th Street. Send photo, newspaper clippings and complete won and lost record of yourself.

SPOKANE NEWS
By JIMMY TANSY

THE largest crowd of the season was on hand to see Bobby Zander eke out a decision over Tiger Jack Fox of Spokane on Labor Day at Spokane. Starting off at a furious pace, the young Californian looked like a sure bet to repeat his kayo win over the aging Fox but Bobby and everyone else was in for a big surprise. The Tiger was hit by everything but the kitchen sink in the first three rounds. In the third round, Zander had Fox down three times and it seemed a matter of time before the referee would stop the slaughter but he weathered the storm and came on to carry the fight to his younger antagonist.

The judges' decision was not a popular one with the fans who thought the worst would be a draw. At any rate another bout is in order. There is still much doubt as to who is the better man.

In the eight-round semi-final Glenn Northcutt, Spokane middleweight, ran his K.O. string to an even dozen. His opponent Eddie Wharton, hailing from Portland, was enjoying a comfortable lead going into the fifth round when Glenn found the range with a series of lefts and rights to the mid-section. Wharton went down claiming foul but the officials held that no low blows had been thrown so the decision stood as a K.O. in round five.

In the best fight of the night, Benny Jerome, a sailor from Yakima, and Duane Hoag, from Portland, a pair of willing featherweights, hammered each other all over the place for six rounds. The verdict, a draw. Hoag was just discharged from the Navy where he was fleet bantamweight champ. In another bout Mike Finley and Red Garrison, a pair of welters, went six slow rounds to a draw.

New Notes: Welcome home to Joey "Pancho" Dolan, Spokane's featherweight title aspirant. Pancho doffed O.D.'s to don Civvies and will be ready to do battle pretty soon.

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BOXING IN CUBA
By MILT BARON

WILFREDO MAYET, Cuba's lightweight sensation, scored a two round kayo over Young Jess Willard at the Havana Sport Palace. Willard did not show much boxing ability, due perhaps to Mayet's whirlwind tactics. He didn't give Willard a chance to get started.

Julio Pedroso, dusky welterweight, had little trouble in disposing of Kid Bradad in two rounds. Bradad several years ago was a first rater, but his long absence from the ring stiffened him up quite some. Ciro Morasen and Osvaldo Socarras drew in eight rounds of good fighting and Kid Lila won by the KO route in the fourth from Bart Medina.

Armando Puente Pi, sterling bantamweight, easily won from Rolando Fernandez in four rounds and Rene Rodriguez was beaten in three rounds by Kid Labarrera.

Miguel Acevedo, Cuba's Featherweight Champ, scored a seven round kayo over Villita de Juarez, Mexican. Villita gave a good performance but the Cuban Champ's punch was too much for him.

Mario Morales won in eight rounds from Juan (Congo) Guevara after receiving a bad cut over the left eye.

Black Pico easily won from Kid Guarina a TKO in six rounds after a good fight.

Joe Calixto won from Raul Lezcano in a six rounds decision.

Joe Legon retained his welterweight crown by beating Baby Coullimber in a 12 round bout. Legon's courage and experience was more effective than the aspirant puncher's who for a while looked like a KO winner.

Juan Villalva and Panchon Martinez drew in a monotonous fight of eight rounds. Years ago Panchon was a leading fighter here.

Manuel Garcia, promising youngster, won by a KO in five rounds from Armando Labarrera in a furious fight. Each boy has what it takes to go far. Baby Chichi won a six round decision from Julian Varona.

Jesus Varona won by a KO in three rounds from Baldomero Aldama and Mario Diaz disposed of Remigio Lugo in three rounds.

Black Pico is the new flyweight champion. He beat Jorge Lazo in ten rounds.

Federico Malibran, veteran boxer, scored a three round kayo over "Niño" Valdez after a dull fight.

Filio Prado, Mexican lightweight, again scored a kayo over Wilfredo Mayet. This time it only took three rounds for the Mexican to find his target, Mayet's glass jaw. Until he met Prado, Mayet had a string of KO victories and it was Filio Prado who stopped him twice in succession.

"Sojito" Gonzalez beat Lino Garcia when the latter was disqualified for using his elbows and head. Sojito was outpointing Lino when the referee stopped the fight at the end of the eighth round.

WEST VIRGINIA NOTES
By MICKEY DAVIES

UNTIL a few months ago, wrestling held the spotlight in West Virginia. However, through the efforts of Harry DeVore, Danny Myers, and several others interested in the sport, boxing is again on the rise. In Huntington, alone, there are two clubs operating; the Armory A.C. with Harry DeVore at the helm, and the Tobacco Warehouse shows under the direction of Dick Deutch.

Dick Deutch's latest program in Huntington found Mutt Schartz, 156, Columbus, Ohio, pounding out a 10 round decision over Charlie Moore, local middle, recently discharged from the Marines. Moore showed plenty of guts and stamina, but the veteran Schartz had too much on the ball for the local lad, who was down twice during the bout. The Ohio battler used a two handed attack to the body very effectively to defeat the lanky Moore.

Tiz Jones, 197, Charleston, W. Va., decisioned Billy Davis, a stablemate of Schartz in the 8 round semi-windup.

Jack Rowsey looked very good in disposing of Billy Jackson in the second heat. Rowsey recently turned pro, and should go places if handled properly.

Lightweights Sterling Willey and Eddie Barnes opened festivities with ex-sailor Willey being awarded the duke in 4 rounds.

Dick Pogue presented his dusky battle royal boys as an added attraction, much to the delight of the patrons.

One of the swellest gyms in this part of the country was opened in Huntington on Sept. 17th, by our good friend Dick Pogue. It is modern in every respect, and no expense was spared by Dick in making it so. Local punchers should find it a pleasure working in it. Our hat goes off to Mr. Pogue for his untiring efforts and sportsmanship. Here is one man who is respected by every boxer, manager or fan, who has had the pleasure of meeting him.

Despite very bad weather, and a local bus strike, fans turned out on September 17, to witness a very swell fight program staged by the Armory A.C. After a long layoff, Irish Billy Miller, Pittsburgh lightweight, proved himself still a top-notcher by stopping Tommy Hudson, Cleveland Negro, in the ninth round. Miller used a snappy right cross to offset the crafty southpaw.

Harry Rose, a recent graduate of the Golden Gloves, used his height and weight advantage to decision Eddie Hines, Pittsburgh bantam, in the semi-final of eight rounds. This, in the writer's opinion was a close contest, and the knockdown scored by Rose in the seventh chukker, proved a deciding factor in the judged verdict.

Brown Lee, a really promising lightweight, added to his prestige by outpunching Frank Harris, out of Harry Pittler's stable, in a six rounder. Harvey Mitchell, late of Uncle Sam's Army, was given the nod over Ike Carter in the four round curtain raiser.

Tom Leeper, the Indianapolis manager, has a good boy in Sparky Reynolds, former Huntington Golden Glove fighter. In his first two appearances in the "We Will City" as a pro, Reynolds stopped Tommy Daniels in six and drew with Bob Maloney in eight hectic rounds. The Reynolds-Maloney setto, was one of the best bouts ever witnessed in these parts. Both boys threw caution to the winds, and punched from gong to gong.

Between rounds—A great reformation has come over Mose Brown according to reports from Pittsburgh. . . . Mose looked like championship material a few years back. . . . Howard Smith, Huntington welter, was killed in action overseas. He and brother Jimmy were good boxers at one time. . . . Note to J. C., Lewis "Kid" Cook is now with the Seabees. . . . Jack Sheppard has a good prospect in Normal Tweel. 200 pounder, although he was stopped by Ted Woodyard in his last go. . . . Ezra Gooderham, Charlie Beery, Pat Scanlon, Paul Holbrook, Lubby Grant, and many other Mountain State pugilists are still in the service. . . . Don Gallagher is handling publicity for Danny Myers and Harry DeVore.

Fighters wishing to show their wares in Huntington, should contact Danny Myers, 3304 Spring St., Progress, Harrisburg, Pa., or Dick Deutch, boxing promoter, Huntington, W. Va. As I stated previously, there are two clubs operating here now, and playing to capacity crowds.

The writer's address is: Dick Pogue's Gym, 830 7th Ave., Huntington, W. Va.

PITTSBURGH FISTIC NEWS
By FRANK T. McQUAIDE, JR.

MICKEY QUACK, featherweight protege of Fritzie Zivic, fought his first main bout here on September 11 and the likeable little slugger gained considerable prestige in his initial appearance as a headliner by fighting former Featherweight Champion Harry Jeffra to a draw in a very pleasing 10 rounder.

Although the bout was declared a draw, it was so close that there were many partisans on both sides among the fans who thought that either Jeffra or Quack deserved the official nod. The official decision found Judge Davies and Referee Mike Hogan favoring Quack because of his many points piled up in the early rounds, where Judge Martzo favored Jeffra for his stamina in the late rounds.

In summing up the entire action, one conclusion can be arrived at and that is that Mickey Quack of the magnetic personality is definitely on his way to ring prominence.

Quack weighed 123, Jeffra, after taking off two pounds after the weigh-in weighed 129.

In the preliminaries, Johnny Chapman, 137, Buffalo, N. Y., seemed to have had the edge over Jimmy Ainscough, 143, of Akron, Ohio, in a six-round semi-final, but the officials also called that bout a draw.

Ray (Sugar) Jackson, 141, of Cincinnati, Ohio, won by T.K.O. over Ray Nulph, 140, New Bethlehem, Pa. Nulph failed to come out for the fifth round of the six-round bout, having been down for a count of nine in the fourth.

Jimmy Anderson, 133, McKeesport, Pa., won by a K.O. in 1:19 of the second round of a scheduled four-round bout over Bobby Crosby, 128, of Pittsburgh, Pa. This bout went on after the main event. Nate Smith, 152, Pittsburgh, Pa., won a decision over Tiger LeRoy Green, 154, Pittsburgh, Pa., in a slow four-round opening bout.

One week later, Sammy Angott, former lightweight champion, stopped Ike Williams, N.B.A. lightweight champion, in the sixth round of a non-title bout. Referee Red Robinson stopped the bout after one minute and one second of the sixth round. Angott dashed from his corner at the sound of the gong and concentrated on a two-fisted body attack that hurt Williams. Sammy won that round easily. Aware of the fact that he had hurt his opponent, Angott continued his body attack in the succeeding rounds. It was apparent that Williams had been hurt in the first round as he failed to throw any hard blows until the time that the referee stopped the contest.

The referee's decision to end the bout was a wise one since the Boxing Commission Doctor, Dr. Lawrence X. Sullivan, ordered Williams to spend the night in the Mercy Hospital and submit to a thorough examination. The findings of the doctors at the hospital declared that Williams was suffering from a torn abdominal muscle and that he had received the injury during the fight inasmuch as he had passed the necessary physical examination at the weighing-in.

Angott weighed 140 and Williams 136, a pound over the lightweight limit.

This show was put on by the Rooney-McGinley Boxing Club and the Dapper Dan Club of Pittsburgh. The Dapper Dans is that well known group of local well-dressed sportsmen who promote Charity sporting events the year around in this area. And as an added attraction for this show they were able to put together in the same ring the two outstanding figures in the boxing game today, Heavyweight Champion of the World Sgt. Joe Louis and Billy Conn. However, they did not meet as contestants.

Conn fought a hilarious three-round exhibition with Al Patterson, six foot six, 204-pound local Negro, while Joe Louis acted as referee.

In the ten round semi-final, Ossie Harris scored a technical kayo over Vic Dellicurti of New York in the seventh round. Harris's looping left hook and lefts and rights to the head on the infighting opened a cut over Dellicurti's right eye in the first round, and he kept the cut open continuously in the succeeding rounds until Referee Sesto stopped the fight. Harris weighed 163, Dellicurti 158.

In the preliminaries Leo Garret, 132½, Cleveland, won by a kayo over Johnny Virgo, 138, of Rochester, N. Y., in 2 minutes 45 seconds of the fourth round.

Henry Jackson, 166, Steubenville, Ohio, knocked out Fred Bailey, 168, of Uniontown, Pa., in 51 seconds of the first round.

The show had a note of sadness as the fans stood at attention while the timekeeper sounded the gong ten times out of respect for Matty Bain, well-liked local representative of the State Boxing Commission, who died of a heart attack Tuesday, the day before the fight.

TEX-HOMA NEWS
By CLYDE SMITH

PARIS, TEXAS — U.S.O. Results — Pfc. Johnnie Brenda, 149, Philadelphia, Pa., T.K.O. over Pvt. Mick LaMarra, 152, San Jose, Calif. (2).

S/Sgt. Jimmie Rocco, 147, Buffalo, N. Y., T.K.O. over Pvt. William Schroeder, 155, Onaua, Mich. (2).

Pvt. John Villarreal, 140, Alvarado, Colo., T.K.O. over Pvt. Ed Blumer, 135, Young, Ariz. (2).

Pvt. Eddie Rodriquez, 133, San Jose, Calif., and Pvt. Eresmo Villarreal, 130, McAllen, Tex., battled to a draw.

Pvt. Roy Krasmesky, 175, Chicago, Ill., T.K.O. over Pvt. P. Baker, 182, Blytheville, Ark. (2).

Pvt. Rudy Zumumida, 173, Alvarado, Calif., decisioned Pvt. Jack Lunsford, 180, Leechville, Ark. (3).

Pvt. John Baraaqlia, 147, Campbell, Ohio, decisioned Pvt. Hollis Hurst, 152, Thompsonville, Ga. (3).

Camp Maxey, Paris, Tex., Results—Sgt. Russell Bryant, 143, Belfast, Maine, knocked out Pvt. George Hancock, 145, El Dorado, Kan. (1).

Pvt. Raymond Belanger and Pvt. Reinhardt Kipp boxed a 3-round draw. Both men were born in Stratford, Wisconsin.

Pvt. Irwin Roth, 130, Seward, Neb., knocked out Pvt. Lawrence Brinker, 133 (2).

Pvt. Truman Carter of Peru, Ill., decisioned Pvt. Leonard Elam of Gardner, Ill. (3).

Pvt. Clive L. Walz decisioned Pvt. Harrison Hee, a Hawaiian (3).

Pvt. John Carman, 144, decisioned Pvt. Chris Johnson, 145. Pvt. Ralph Ray decisioned Pvt. Donald Phillips (3).

Oklahoma City, Okla.—Cpl. Fritzie Zivic, 152, boxed rings around Billy Dug, 150, Corpus Christi, Tex., 10 rounds. Tony Elizondo, 158, Galveston, Tex., won over Jake Stephens, 155, Oklahoma City (6). Howard Carr, 142, was stopped in the fourth round of a scheduled six-rounder with J. R. Winkle, 143. These Oklahoma City rivals had a bruising scrap for three rounds and then Winkle took over to score a knockout. Johnny Riley, 160, knocked out Jess Johnson in the sixth and last round. Both boys from Oklahoma City.

Tinker Field, Oklahoma—A torrential downpour failed to stop 2,000 Tinker Field soldiers from attending an all-Negro boxing show in the base's gym. Featuring soldiers who have only recently returned from overseas, prizes were given the winners.

The results: Thomas Argo, 155, dec. Charles Allen, 152; Alfred Jones, 155, dec. Orlando Sanders, 151; Arthur Pegram, 149, T.K.O. Alexander Simpson, 148 (2); James Small, 159, dec. Eugene Woodson, 163; Daniel Seymour, 165, dec. George Smith, 160; Gettus Kendo, 165, K.O.'ed Gerald Franklin, 168 (3); Angus McPhatter, 150, T.K.O.'ed Alber McEntyre, 150 (1); John Davis, 169, T.K.O.'ed Wilburn Lee, 164 (3).

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MINNESOTA NEWS
By BILLY COLBERT

BILLY SMITH, Minneapolis, 139, won the decision over Art Price, Detroit, Mich., in a six-rounder in one of the feature bouts at the St. Paul Auditorium. Smith staged a great rally in the last round to gain the decision.

Joe Stepka, St. Paul, lost the duke to Walter Smith, Detroit, in another six-rounder. Stepka weighed 164, and Smith 167.

Billy McClure, Minneapolis, 190, knocked out Dave Patterson, Akron, 202, in the first round.

Erle Adkinson, St. Paul, 175, knocked out Bud Waterman, Detroit, 176, in the first round.

Buzz Brown, St. Paul, 150, won the decision over Mansfield Driscoll, Detroit, 154, in a six-rounder. This was Buzz's 15th straight win and he looked like the best fighter of the night.

Al Bartholomew, St. Paul, 128, won the decision over Chocolate Kid, Akron, 132, in a four-rounder.

The show drew around 2500 people and was full of action from start to finish.

Billy McFarland, former star welterweight from St. Paul, before enlisting in the Marines three years ago, is back and now is a light-heavyweight and training for future bouts. He is managed by Emmett Weller, former Minnesota Lightweight Champion.

Vern Solwasser, lightweight from Rice Street, amateur boxer, shows a lot of promise for a beginner. Don Murray, another lightweight from Rice Street, is another boy who will be heard from this season. Among the better boys who are under the direction of Emmett Weller are Matt Morrelli, flyweight, and Dan Primoli, bantamweight from Johnson High School.

Send in your news for this column before the fifth of the month to the writer in the Hamm Building.

Tony Stecher, Minneapolis promoter, is planning on having a busy season with a couple of shows every month.

Norman Humphries Chessen, Duluth, is planning on staging boxing shows at Superior, Wisc. Humphries is a fellow who knows the boxing game, being schooled by the old master Jack Hurley.

Don Buchan, Spencer, Iowa, promoter, is now studying to be a doctor in Palmer College, Davenport, Iowa.

Bill Hawkins, RING correspondent, has more records of fighters than any one in this part of the country. Bill is a very good referee and also has managed some of the best fighters to come out of Sioux City for the last twenty-five years.

Pinkie George, Des Moines manager and promoter, has his star, Del Cockayne, on the sidelines for a few months. The reason is that he is a star football player at Drake University and last year was one of the leading scorers in the country.

Bill Tudisco, St. Paul welterweight, who was in the Marines for five years and saw plenty of action in the South Pacific, has his discharge from the service. Bill is now 29 years old and is planning on boxing again.

Wesley Ramey, former star lightweight, is promoting fights in Grand Rapids, Mich. He has a number of good boys he would like to show in the northwest. His address is 7 S. Division Ave., Grand Rapids, Mich.

Mike Ferrazzo, manager of Buzz Brown, welterweight, is predicting great things for his boy.

At the St. Paul Auditorium—Elmer (Violent) Ray, Negro heavyweight, knocked out Henry Cooper, New York heavyweight, in the third round of Eddie Williams' fight card. Cooper was in there pitching for three rounds and took a bad licking before the referee stopped the fight in the third round. Cooper weighed 201 and Ray 203 pounds.

Ray Zidell, Barberton, 125, lost the decision to Stan Cieslik, Detroit, 127, in the semi-windup of a great fight. Cieslik had too much experience for Zidell. This bout was a six-rounder.

Joe Stepka, St. Paul, 167, knocked out Young Johnson, Detroit, 170, in the fourth round.

Bob Millsap, St. Paul, 176, won the decision over Ira Hughes, Pittsburgh, 177, in a six-rounder.

Buzz Brown, St. Paul, 149, won the decision over Bill Grier, Detroit, Mich., 149, in a six-rounder.

Bob Bridges, Detroit, 134, won the decision over Al Bartholomew, St. Paul, 127, in a four-rounder.

The fight drew around 4500 customers and a gate of 6000 dollars.

Eddie Williams, the St. Paul boxing promoter, is planning a show for every two weeks. His last card was a great success. It showed a profit and gave the fans a lot of action.

Mike Sternberg, the Rochester, Minn., promoter, is also going to run professional shows starting in October. He has a great fighter in Mert Herrick, welterweight, who is a resident of Rochester.

JABS FROM ST. LOUIS AND VICINITY
By BUS BURKE

I GUESS that there comes a time in any man's life, or in the life of any business, when a little criticism of the constructive kind is in line. This has to do with the jealousy, bitterness and animosity that is so very evident among the three or four distinct boxing cliques here in St. Louis that are hammering and knocking each other in such crude and very foolish fashion. It seems to me personally that a little more good fellowship and sportsmanship and cooperation would do far more good towards getting boxing back on its feet and off of its heels, than all of this bickering and bantering back and forth.

Billie Born, the St. Louis thrill provider, is stationed on Guam as a member of the U. S. Navy. He is the director of the boxing activities of that Isle. In 1944 while stationed in Oakland, Calif., as a lightweight, he won 15 out of 16 ring battles, defeating such well known boys as Ritchie Fontaine, Ace Miller, Glover Frazier, Willie Marcus and Freddie Taylor who is the lightweight champion of Colorado, and numerous others. Billy is managed by George Drummond of Oakland, Calif., and is trained by the very capable Sid Bell who did such a fine job with Beau Jack.

The September 25th Kiel Auditorium Boxing show, promoted by the Wallach and Eagles combination, was not so successful from the standpoint of the paying public or the promotional team. The fans numbering 1,853 who contributed to a gross gate of $2,895.70 left the scene of action greatly disappointed as to the response of the much heralded heavyweights.

In the main event, Colion Chaney from Indianapolis and Clarence Brown of Chicago, pulled, tugged and waltzed through ten rounds which ended in a decision win for Chaney who weighed in at 185 against Brown's 204.

In the semi-windup Bill Peterson, 198-pounder from Chicago, scored a third-round T.K.O. with the aid of his left elbow over Billy Pappas from Dayton, Ohio, who tipped the scales at 177. This was slated for ten rounds but as said, Peterson and his elbow ended it in the third. Pappas received a cut eye which had to have three stitches.

In another heavyweight bout, Kenny Johnson, 185, from Dayton, Ohio, proved that a good little man can beat a big man when he hammered out a six-round decision over Lindsey Elliott who came in at 224 and hails from Harlem, N. Y.

In what was considered by many the best bout of the evening, Bennie Droll, 158, from Peoria, Illinois, left-handed his way to a six-round decision victory over Curtis Filer, 153, from East St. Louis, Illinois.

In the curtain raiser, Nick Sanders, 123, of St. Louis, Mo., had too much power and was too accurate with his well-directed punches, so at the end of the third round of a scheduled four-rounder, Charlie Stacker, 124, of East St. Louis, Illinois, decided that he had enough, so it was a T.K.O. win for Sanders in the third.

Right Crosses—Bennie Droll, a middleweight of Peoria, Illinois, who is under the direction of Dani Buckley, is preparing to campaign among the middles of the West Coast. . . . Rumors are flying around that a new boxing organization is making ready to promote in St. Louis. . . . Marshall (Red) Wells, the battling welterweight of Bonne Terre, Mo., has just been discharged from the Marine Corps. . . . Monroe Harrison is working out at the Lou Wallach Club and is rounding into his old time form. . . . The Walter Hatzfeld American Legion Post has folded its outdoor shows. . . . Paul Spica is the matchmaker for the new series of amateur boxing shows to open at Kiel Auditorium under the auspices of the "Amateur Boxing Coaches of Greater St. Louis." . . . The Kiwanis Club is bringing to St. Louis the first annual Mid-West tournament of boxing champions which will feature champions from St. Louis, Kansas City, Minneapolis and Oklahoma City.

St. Louis sent three "Fling and Flail" boys to Kansas City, Mo., to box in the Municipal Auditorium's pro card. The main event was the third get together between Major Jones, 142, of Kansas City and Willie Russell, 138, of Dayton, Ohio, which was won over the eight-round route by Jones on a decision. In their first punch-filled bout staged by these two at Minneapolis, Russell K.O.'ed Jones in the fifth heat and the second meeting was a six-round no-decision affair staged at Kansas City, Kansas. Twenty-eight hundred fifty-five fans contributed to a gross gate of $3,450.00 for their third show.

Other results of the card are as follows:

Howard Jackson, 123½, of Kansas City stopped Nick Sanders, 118 pounds, of St. Louis, at the end of the third round. Sanders claimed he suffered a broken tooth and could not come out for the fourth round.

Frank Riveria, 118, of Kansas City, K.O.'ed Todd Dowd, 123, of Columbus, Ohio, in two.

Vert Gibson, 147, of Kansas City, outpointed Harold Boyd, 148, of St. Louis, in six.

Merrill Campbell, 162, of Kansas City, K.O.'ed John Riley, 162½, of Oklahoma City, in three.

Charley Dent, 134½, of Kansas City, won with a decision over Iggy Page, 133, of St. Louis in three rounds.

Managers wishing to show their fighters here in St. Louis may contact the co-promoter and matchmaker, Harry Eagles, at P. O. Box 1739, St. Louis, Missouri.

Scott Field, Illinois, crowned five open division and nine novice division winners in their annual Amateur Gloves Tournament staged on the field on October second. More than 100 simon pures saw action in the two weeks that the tournament was in progress.

Don't forget, send news of interest to readers of this column to Bus Burke, 601 St. Louis St., De Soto, Missouri. News of boxers from this locality now in the service will be given prompt attention. I would appreciate very much the autographed pictures of any fighters from any section of the country to include in my collection.

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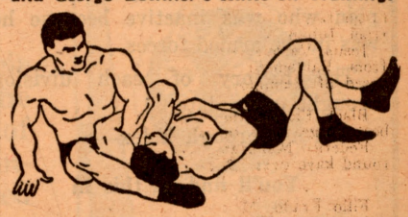

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WISCONSIN BOXING GOSSIP

By PINKY MITCHELL
Former Junior Welterweight Champion

AL FAIN and Billy Mitchell had a swell fight card here early in September. The night was very hot and with a night ball game for competition still grossed, $11,140. The Chiller, Charley Parham, 149½, Milwaukee, was outfoxed by Izzy Jannazzo, 151, New York, in a great 10 round fight. Parham was pitching from center field, missing more than he landed with Izzy taking advantage of every mistake, plugging the openings with left jabs, right uppercuts and crosses. Had Charley shortened his hooks it might have been a different story. Parham has color and keeps the fans in a titter until the final gong.

On September 17, Charley Parham, Milwaukee, 150½, spotted Wild Bill McDowell, Dallas, Texas, eight pounds and took a ten round split decision after ten rounds. Parham had McDowell draped helplessly over the ropes in the last round for a nine count.

In an old fashioned slugfest Charley Pope, Milwaukee, stole the show and the decision from Robert Earl of Chicago in six. Both boys weighed 141½. Pat Bradley, Detroit, 132½, beat Marion Rhoeten, Milwaukee, 128, in six. Milt Varsas, Milwaukee Greek, 148½, decked Johnny Stanley, Chicago, in one. It was the Greek's fourth straight win, 3 of them knockouts, since returning from the Army. Results of four amateurs turning pro were: Joey Milano, 143, beat Frank Roberts, 141, in 4, and Bill Mossby, 161, KO'ed Harold Thomas, 168, in 1.

The show grossed $4100, the smallest of the season here. Promoter Dave Beznor attributed the falling off in attendance to Yom Kippur night, switch in bouts and late arrival of McDowell here.

In the prelims, the bout between Frankie Gaudes, 132½, Milwaukee, and Ted Christie, 138, Chicago, was a riot for action. Both boys were down from right hand smashes in the first round. Ted carried the next two hectic sessions but ran into a left hook to the button in the 4th followed by a right which ended the bout. Phil Valley manages Gaudes.

Bob Satterfield, 166, Chicago, Ike Bernstein manager, knocked out Curley Denton, 166, Cincinnati, 1 round. Satterfield is a great prospect and in good hands. Robert Fowler, 145, Chicago, beat Nunzio Ferrera, 147, Milwaukee, in 6. Roland Taylor, 168, Milwaukee, lost a 4 round decision to Leroy Scales, 162½, Chicago. Milt Varsas, 147, Milwaukee Greek, trailing to the 4th, KO'ed Lawson Mitchell, 144½, Detroit, in 4. Danny Spunt, a Chicago manager who can be depended upon, brought in 4 of his fighters for the show and they all put up swell scraps.

Tony Martin has returned from the navy after seeing service in the Pacific. Martin, a Milwaukee favorite, is in training under the management of Ernie Fliegel, Minneapolis. Martin, who has fought the country's best, including champion Tony Zale, will vie with Juste Fontaine and Charley Parham as Milwaukee's big attraction. Martin now weighs 165.

With both boys weighing 150¼, Jimmy Sherrer, Milwaukee, a 6 to 5 favorite, ran true to form and copped the verdict over Izzy Jannazzo in 10 rounds at Milwaukee on September 27. Jannazzo took the first two and the last two rounds with Sherrer taking the rest of a clever argument in which left jabs played an important part.

Bob Satterfield, Chicago, 169, got his third straight Milwaukee knockout when he decked Oscar Boyd, Buffalo, 163, in 4. Berry Wright, Cleveland, 146, took a six-round decision from Art Brown, 149, Chicago. Each weighing 144½ Milt Varsas, Milwaukee Greek, K.O.'ed Tommy Merritt of Indianapolis in two. Accy Lee, 144½, Indianapolis, beat Joey Milano, Milwaukee, 144, in four and Bobby Wright, 120½, Cleveland, won over Horacio Alverez, Mexico, in four.

Fans paid $8,861 to see the show. For the month of September they paid $34,100 for three shows.

SOUTHERN OHIO JABS

By J. JIMMIE AMANN

TWO outstanding ring programs were staged in Cincinnati during the month of September. Both were directed by the Becker Athletic Club, headed by promoters Sam and Benny Becker, long key men in boxing in the middle west.

In the first program, staged at the Parkway outdoor arena, on September 4, Charley Burley of Pittsburgh flattened Dave Clark, Cincinnati's middleweight representative, in the first round of what was scheduled to be a ten-round match.

Burley boxed Clark around the ring, shot one into the stomach and then belted Clark completely out with a couple of hard punches to the chin. The finish was so fast, that many of the crowd missed the actual knockout.

In the semi, Tip Ramsey, a good looking Negro middle from the Abe Skurow corner, won an eight-round decision over Arthur Lee, Cincinnati, 195½ pounds. Johnny Goode stopped George Hahn in five heats in the featherweight class, Hahn, suffering a badly cut eye. Pat Iacobucci, Cincinnati's promising kid feather, bested Johnny Cook in six sessions and Frank Robinson, Norwood, Ohio, middleweight, won a decision in four rounds over Larry Janke.

$3,028.00 were checked through the turnstiles.

The second offering of the Becker promotions was held at Music Hall on the night of September 26. George Sugar Costner, national welter sensation from Cincinnati, making his first appearance in a main event before a home town gathering, scored a nine-round technical knockout over Oscar Suggs of Pittsburgh in a match which proved that Costner is perhaps one of the best welters in the business. Twenty-eight hundred fifty paid fans dropped a gross $5,400 and a net $4,544.72 into the tills to see the Costner-Suggs program.

Action reigned supreme in the prelims. Johnny Goode stopped the Pat Iacobucci streak, by taking a decision in six rounds. If the fight had gone longer, the little Italian might have knocked out Goode. They are feathers.

Corporal Dick Cook, Camp Atterbury featherweight, won the semi-final ten-round decision over Jimmie Wiley of Cincinnati and Tip Ramsey, Negro middle from Cincinnati, kept up his winning way, with a T.K.O. in six heats over rough Jack Rowsey of Huntington, W. Va.

Suggs weighed 154¾ pounds, nine pounds more than Costner.

Around Fountain Square with the Punchers and Their Pilots . . . from the looks of Sugar Costner, manager Eddy Johnson has done wonders with the lanky localite. . . . Ole Holde, world's heavyweight wrestling champion of the AFW, will make his home in Washington state after his return from the service. . . . Holde is originally from Wyoming. . . . Robert Montgomery, Columbus, Ohio, lawyer, is the new manager of Bob Arthur, the big Capital City heavyweight. . . . Monty may make the big fellow into a real ring star. . . . He started off with a one-round kayo over Johnny Alexander.

Nick Lazo of Texas came through with Tony Rios and Manny Camarillo and last heard from, were over in the East. . . . Jack Sheppard has some good fighting boys in his Huntington, W. Va., stable. . . . Joe Basco of Barberton has a real comer in Rudy Zadell, who packs dynamite in his fists. . . . Sugar Costner's next opponent in Cincinnati may be Johnny Curcio, the Newark, N. J., welter under the Johnny Napurano banner. . . . Those interested in my fight flashes service each month can secure one year service for one dollar. . . . Address Jimmie Amann at 6716 Palmetto St., Cincinnati 27, Ohio. . . . This address also available for fighters unattached and managers of good fighters wanting contact. . . . This is the eighth year for fight flashes and thanks to the many subscribers all over the world. . . . THE RING carries Everything in Boxing. . . . And last but not least . . . a word for Cincinnati amateur boxing coaches, Otto Technow, Joe Seta, Harry McCarthy, Johnny Joiner and Chickie Rose . . . these boys are doing a grand job of developing promising talent for the future . . . keep up the good work, fellows.

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